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FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

YOUNG MOON,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:05-00003

BEFORE THE HONORABLE TODD J. CAMPBELL, CHIEF JUDGE

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1 The above-styled cause continued to be heard on
2 April 24, 2006, before the Honorable Todd J. Campbell, Chief
3 Judge, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

4 THE COURT: We are here to take up the case of
5 United States versus Young Moon. The purpose of the hearing
6 is a sentencing. There are a few preliminary matters we need
7 to take up. The first is on Friday, a motion to continue was
8 filed and the government has filed a response in opposition.
9 Ms. Thompson, can you tell me which parts, if any, of the
10 ex parte affidavit that you filed and the attachments thereto
11 were served on the government?

12 MS. THOMPSON: The affidavit and the attachments
13 were not served on the government, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Is there any objection to serving a
15 copy of the memorandum by Dr. Jackson on the government?

16 MS. THOMPSON: Well, at this time, Your Honor,
17 Friday night Dr. Moon telephoned me at home and told me that
18 she did not want to proceed with my motion and she did not
19 want to continue the matter. We have again met about that
20 this morning and she feels very firm in her belief that she
21 does not want to continue this matter. She does not request
22 a continuance, and she would like for me to strike that
23 motion. That's against advice of counsel, but I wanted to
24 make it clear on the record.

25 I did call the government or I spoke with the U.S.

1 Attorney earlier today and told her that I thought we would
2 be striking our motion to continue and my request that I
3 filed.

4 THE COURT: All right. Well, I will allow you to
5 withdraw the motion, but I think that the government is
6 entitled to see the letter from Dr. Jackson unless you
7 convince me otherwise. I don't see any attorney-client
8 privilege in there.

9 MS. THOMPSON: I don't have any strong objection
10 to that.

11 THE COURT: All right. Mrs. Bush, would you hand
12 this to counsel. I want to make sure that the government is
13 aware of the information in there before they take whatever
14 position they want to take. Yes, ma'am.

15 MS. THOMPSON: I would ask, Your Honor, that the
16 affidavit that I filed remain under seal and ex parte but
17 remain as part of the record.

18 THE COURT: It is. It has currently been filed ex
19 parte, meaning it has been served only on the Court and not
20 on opposing counsel. It is at Docket Number 284. And there
21 are two different attachments to it, and none of that has
22 been served on counsel for the government other than the item
23 I referred to earlier, which is Exhibit B to your ex parte
24 affidavit.

25 MS. THOMPSON: That exhibit would also remain

1 under seal; is that right, Your Honor?

2 THE COURT: Yes. I provided it to the government
3 so they could have it for this proceeding, but it is not to
4 be made public. Ms. McIntyre, Ms. Thompson has said that she
5 has been directed by her client to withdraw the motion to
6 continue. What's the position of the government?

7 Is that a fair characterization of your position,
8 Ms. Thompson?

9 MS. THOMPSON: Yes, Your Honor.

10 MS. MCINTYRE: Would you want me to --

11 THE COURT: I can hear you better. Thank you.

12 MS. MCINTYRE: Your Honor, as we stated in our
13 opposition to the defendant's motion on Friday, we think
14 there is certainly no evidence, no basis for the motion to
15 continue in this case. I am happy to speak more specifically
16 to whatever what we suppose is in the sealed attachments.
17 But are you comfortable with me doing so in this public
18 forum?

19 THE COURT: What I want to know is whether you
20 oppose the motion to continue knowing what I have handed you
21 and that it could result in collateral litigation some day.

22 MS. MCINTYRE: Yes, Your Honor, we definitely do
23 oppose it. We think it is unnecessary, and we also think
24 that the standard setup by 18 U.S.C. Section 4244(a) has not
25 been satisfied in this case, and that just clearly has not

1 been satisfied.

2 Again I could speak more specifically to that, but
3 I don't know how much you want me to get into.

4 THE COURT: I want to make sure you had formed an
5 opinion. Ms. Thompson, anything else you want to say?

6 MS. THOMPSON: No, Your Honor. I do have another
7 preliminary matter about something else.

8 THE COURT: Let me rule on this first. I am going
9 to allow you to withdraw the motion to continue. And I have
10 looked at what you filed, and I have looked at the standard
11 under 18 U.S.C. Section 4244 and don't think that there is
12 substantial information that's required under that particular
13 statute, so we're going to go forward with the sentencing
14 today. I will put my reasons in more detail in writing filed
15 under seal after this proceeding.

16 Ms. Thompson, you also had a motion to exclude
17 certain written statements and witnesses. Is that what you
18 wanted to address?

19 MS. THOMPSON: No. I was just going to address
20 Mr. Simmons' presence. He is here today just to assist me.
21 It was pretty complex matter with lots of paperwork, but he
22 is not to be entered as counsel of record.

23 THE COURT: If he is sitting there, he is counsel
24 to this proceeding and he is counsel of record.

25 MS. THOMPSON: Okay. I just didn't want --

1 THE COURT: You either are or you aren't. I am
2 not trying to trap you into further work.

3 MR. SIMMONS: That's fine.

4 THE COURT: The record needs to reflect that he is
5 here and representing Dr. Moon and assisting Ms. Thompson.
6 He is welcome here. He is a fine lawyer.

7 All right. The first thing I need to do is
8 determine whether Dr. Moon has read the presentence report.
9 Ms. Thompson, has Dr. Moon read the presentence report?

10 MS. THOMPSON: Yes, Your Honor, she has been
11 provided a copy of presentence report. She's reviewed it,
12 and we have discussed it.

13 THE COURT: All right. There are a number of
14 objections. There is an objection to the intended loss.
15 There is an objection to the number of victims enhancement.
16 There is an objection to the sophisticated means enhancement.
17 There is an objection to the risk of death or serious bodily
18 injury enhancement. There is an objection to the vulnerable
19 victim enhancement.

20 The government objects to that as well. The
21 government seeks a four-level increase, and the defendant
22 seeks no increase.

23 There is an objection to the abuse of trust or use
24 of special skill enhancement. There is an objection to the
25 obstruction of justice enhancement. Those are by the

1 defendant.

2 The government objects to the lack of a
3 recommendation regarding fine.

4 The defendant also objects to the summary of the
5 offense conduct and the victim impact and the lack of a
6 recommendation for voluntary surrender.

7 And there is an objection regarding a ban on
8 healthcare employment if it constitutes a lifetime ban rather
9 than a condition of supervised release.

10 And then there is a motion to exclude written
11 statements and oral testimony of former patients.

12 It is my understanding that the government would
13 have the burden of proof on the enhancements. Do you agree,
14 Ms. McIntyre?

15 MS. MCINTYRE: Yes, Judge.

16 THE COURT: Okay. Is there anything anybody else
17 wants to say about the motion to exclude written statements
18 and oral testimony? The government filed a response, and I
19 of course had the initial motion.

20 MS. MCINTYRE: Your Honor, I would like to address
21 two things. First we just wish to inform the Court that the
22 three out-of-state witnesses did travel all the way, and they
23 are here. And we wanted to mention that we would like to
24 invoke the rule but on the other hand point out that under
25 the victims rights law, victims they have the right, and I am

1 quoting, not to be excluded from any such public court
2 proceeding unless the Court after receiving clear and
3 convincing evidence determines the testimony by the victim
4 would be materially altered if the victim heard other
5 testimony at that proceeding.

6 Thus, our position is that the victims, even those
7 who are testifying, have the right to remain in the
8 sentencing hearing during other people's testimony, but we
9 wanted to flag this issue for the Court so that you are aware
10 of it and they are in here right now.

11 THE COURT: Ms. Thompson.

12 MS. THOMPSON: Yes, Your Honor. I would like to
13 address the Court and state that I believe that the
14 government at this point is being disingenuous with us.
15 During the trial in this matter, the defendant wanted to put
16 in proof about outcomes of patients, and at that time the
17 government argued that patient harm was not an issue. That
18 this was a fraud case. Now, at this point in the proceedings
19 at the sentencing hearing, they want to put in patient harm
20 as an aggravating factor. And I'd say, one, that's
21 disingenuous for them to change their argument, and then,
22 two, that the patients in this matter do not meet the
23 statutory definition of victim.

24 First of all, this is not a malpractice case.
25 This is not a medical malpractice case. This is not a tort

1 claim. This is a fraud matter. And, Your Honor, if you
2 specifically look, one, at the victims' rights statute which
3 the government has cited, it is 18 U.S.C. 3771 of course, it
4 says that they have to show that a victim is defined under
5 Subsection E as a person directly and proximately harmed as a
6 result of the commission of the federal offense. And Your
7 Honor, I would state that there is actually an enhancing
8 factor to the fraud charge that if the government can prove
9 beyond a reasonable doubt that the person has caused somebody
10 bodily injury that that's an enhancement and actually ups the
11 statutory mandatory minimum or sets a mandatory minimum in
12 terms of a sentence. It is statutory. If the government was
13 not able to indict Dr. Moon based on that statute that
14 because it specifically statutory provision that the
15 government cannot now claim at sentencing and enhance my
16 client's sentence based on victims when they weren't able to
17 show that. That would just be a clear violation of Booker.
18 So I would say that they can't bring in the victims now.

19 Furthermore, Your Honor, in terms of who is a
20 victim, the government claims in -- that these people that
21 the patients would be victims because they were proximately
22 harmed as a result. They said that they in paragraph 3 on
23 the first page of their motion say these patients are
24 directly and proximately harmed by Dr. Moon's healthcare
25 fraud in that they were either definitively shorted on their

1 full dose of the cancer treated drugs or they may have been
2 so shorted.

3 Well, Your Honor, at this point they don't have
4 proof and even by a preponderance of the evidence certainly
5 not beyond a reasonable doubt that any one particular person
6 that they are going to call to testify or that letters have
7 been presented from were either one of even specifically
8 shorted a dose. All the government has is a total amount of
9 drugs purchased and a total amount of drugs billed for. So,
10 one, they couldn't show that anyone was specifically shorted
11 a dose. And then, number two, they cannot show that a person
12 was harmed. I mean next they have to show direct and
13 proximate harm. And the government cannot show which
14 individual was proximately harmed or directly harmed by
15 either having a shortage dose. That that somehow would have
16 affected their outcome medically. So those two things they
17 cannot show.

18 And then finally, Your Honor, the defense did
19 present at trial some evidence that showed the Dr. Moon had a
20 good outcome as to her patients that she treated. Dr. Foon
21 when he testified specifically said -- I have the cite in the
22 rough transcript.

23 THE COURT: I remember his testimony.

24 MS. THOMPSON: So, Your Honor, he said that
25 overall her results were better than most results. So I

1 would say based on that then there is no showing whatsoever
2 even just a preliminary matter that there is any approximate
3 or direct harm caused to these people.

4 I cited in my motion and would just point to the
5 case of United States versus Jacqueline Carol Yager. And in
6 that case they just talked about this was more of a loss and
7 who was a victim, but this is a Sixth Circuit case where they
8 specifically said that people who might have lost money -- it
9 was about losses in money. That a person who might have lost
10 some money in a banking scheme if the money had been replaced
11 or it was just for a short time or a small amount that they
12 would not be considered victims. And I'd say the same is
13 here, Your Honor. If it is too vague. And specifically the
14 guidelines say that emotional harm is not harm that you can
15 consider in determining a victim. So I would say
16 specifically based on that, there is no showing that these
17 people should not be considered victims. And therefore, they
18 don't meet either the guideline enhancement definition and,
19 two, the statutory victim rights law so, therefore, their
20 testimony would be irrelevant as to the sentencing factors in
21 this matter. And I'd ask that the letters from those people
22 be stricken and that they not be allowed to testify at this
23 point.

24 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Here is my
25 view. Under 18 U.S.C. Section 3553(a), the Court is to

1 consider as a sentencing factor the nature and circumstances
2 of the offense, and that includes relevant conduct. To the
3 extent that the government can produce evidence that cancer
4 patients received partial doses of medication, I think that
5 would be relevant conduct regarding the nature and
6 circumstances of the offense.

7 As for the Crime Victims Rights Act, I believe
8 someone who has received any partial doses of needed
9 medications would be a victim under that act and would have a
10 right to be present and to testify before the Court.

11 There is a tension between Rule 615 which is
12 commonly just called the rule in terms of sequestration of
13 witnesses and the Victims Rights Act. However, on closer
14 examination, I think that can be resolved in most cases in a
15 fairly straightforward way in that the rules of evidence
16 don't apply at sentencing so that means as a matter of law
17 Rule 615 doesn't apply at a sentencing hearing. It is
18 something that should be considered so that you don't have
19 witnesses confirming their testimony with one another, but it
20 is not mandatory at a sentencing hearing and balancing the
21 victims right against the nonmandatory Rule 615 at sentencing
22 I am going to allow anyone who feels like they are a victim
23 to remain present and to listen to these proceedings. To the
24 extent that it appears that there are efforts to conform
25 testimony, then I reserve the right to change my mind during

1 the course of the proceeding.

2 In terms of the rules of evidence not applying, I
3 am relying on Federal Rule of Evidence 1101(d)(3) which says
4 the rules other than with respect to privilege do not apply
5 in the following situations and lists sentencing.

6 So I am resolving the motion to exclude written
7 statements or oral testimony of former patients by denying it
8 for those reasons.

9 Ms. McIntyre, since you have the burden on the
10 objections, who would you like to call as your first
11 witness?

12 MS. MCINTYRE: Your Honor, we call Dr. Mace
13 Rothenberg, and I would just note I am not going to rehash
14 matters that we have already covered with him in the trial.
15 Just new matters.

16 THE COURT: All right.

17 DR. MACE ROTHENBERG
18 was called, and being first duly sworn, was examined and
19 testified as follows:

20 DIRECT EXAMINATION

21 BY MS. MCINTYRE:

22 Q. Good afternoon. In the course of your review of the
23 patient files that you have looked at in this case, did you
24 have the opportunity to form an opinion about whether
25 defendant Dr. Young Moon's conduct created a risk of serious

1 bodily injury or death to any of her patients?

2 A. Yes, I did.

3 Q. Can you describe what your opinion was in that regard.

4 A. When we embark upon treatment of any patient, the
5 treatment is usually based on prior experience published in
6 the medical literature based on the results of clinical
7 trials. Those trials outline what drugs to use, what doses
8 to use, how often to give them and what the outcomes as well
9 as side effects might be.

10 We then base our treatment of patients on those
11 studies. When we counsel patients regarding how they may
12 benefit and what the risks and benefits are of that
13 treatment, it is based on those studies which those doses of
14 those drugs were given in that schedule. If we deviate
15 substantially from that, we can no longer guarantee or even
16 feel assured that those outcomes will be achieved. And,
17 therefore, I think that that's the basis upon which we treat
18 our patients, and that's the trust that they instill in us
19 when we enter into the physician-patient relationship.

20 Q. Okay. And in this case I think you -- is it correct
21 that you previously testified that the defendant wasn't
22 necessarily adhering to clinical trials anyway in her courses
23 of treatment?

24 A. Right. In the review that I performed on the 27 patient
25 records, the side effect profiles in six of those patients

1 were such that I felt it was highly unlikely that the patient
2 received the doses of drugs that were recorded in the
3 records. And, therefore, I think that unless we have a
4 reason for adjusting the doses substantially and we discuss
5 any deviation from the published standard doses and drugs,
6 then we really haven't informed our patients adequately, and
7 I think that we violated that trust.

8 Q. And in what way does that lack of information to
9 patients and violation of trust create a risk of death or
10 serious bodily injury to patients?

11 A. With many, if not all, chemotherapy drugs, there is a
12 lower limit of effect that if you give substantially lower
13 doses than have been given in the clinical trials then you
14 won't be able to get the beneficial effect that was intended
15 and, therefore, that patient could have been harmed by being
16 denied that benefit.

17 Q. And when you talk about harm and possible harm, is
18 that -- how big of a risk is that when you are dealing with
19 cancer patients?

20 A. Well, it is very difficult to talk about in individual
21 patient but in general if you deviate by giving lower doses
22 then one would expect that you would have less benefit from
23 those drugs to a point where you can actually lose any and
24 all benefit from that therapy that was intended and,
25 therefore, that patient is at higher risk for having their

1 cancer progress or return and potentially die from that.

2 Q. Okay. So in your mind based on your review, did you
3 conclude that the defendants' conduct created a risk of death
4 or serious bodily injury?

5 A. I think that the actions in those particular patients
6 were consistent with that conclusion, yes.

7 Q. Nothing further.

8 THE COURT: Ms. Thompson.

9 MS. THOMPSON: Yes, Your Honor. May I have just
10 one moment?

11 THE COURT: Take your time.

12 CROSS-EXAMINATION

13 BY MS. THOMPSON:

14 Q. I want to understand, Doctor. You said that there are
15 certain guidelines developed by clinical studies; is that
16 correct?

17 A. Those clinical trials are done with doses given at
18 certain way, dose, schedule. The results that are obtained
19 from that whether this therapy has been beneficial to the
20 patient is derived from that data. The more we deviate from
21 that, the less we can be certain that that benefit will be
22 derived.

23 Q. So the schedule includes both the amount of drugs given
24 and the timing at which they are given?

25 A. And the frequency, yes.

1 Q. So you are saying that in standard cancer treatment
2 there is never a deviation from that schedule?

3 A. That's not what I said. There are commonly deviations
4 from them. Minor adjustments that are made for doses and
5 sometimes for schedule because of mitigating circumstances.
6 Other diseases that the person may have. How frail the
7 patient may be.

8 When we do deviate from published trials, we will
9 discuss this with the patient, discuss our reasons for that
10 and, therefore, the patient could understand and give truly
11 informed consent to proceed with therapy.

12 Q. When you deviate from the patient trials for these
13 mitigating reasons, would you consider that to be a risk of
14 harm to the patient?

15 A. Not always.

16 Q. Sometimes if you deviate from this schedule based on the
17 frailty if you are making a medical decision based on the
18 frailty of the patient, the stage of the cancer, other
19 diseases, is that somehow harmful or dangerous to the
20 patient?

21 A. It has the potential depending on how much you deviate,
22 so commonly deviations can be made in terms of ten percent
23 reduction in dose, for instance, or an adjustment of schedule
24 instead of giving four weeks on, two weeks off be given two
25 weeks on and one week off, so that the overall treatment time

1 is exactly the same so those kind of deviations are commonly
2 done. They are discussed with the patient so that they
3 understand what kind of changes are being made and that they
4 also have to understand that the data that's been presented
5 to them in terms of the benefit is now maybe a little bit
6 less reliable, but they are willing to accept that. And that
7 will be discussed ahead of time with the patient so they can
8 be fully informed.

9 Q. In general, you can never guarantee an outcome of the
10 patient; is that correct?

11 A. Not with an individual patient, correct.

12 Q. And you said that lower doses -- you said it was
13 difficult to tell in a specific case or an individual case
14 what the risk would be; is that right?

15 A. Clarify that.

16 Q. You cannot tell me in one individual person's case if I
17 were to pick a name of a patient, you cannot tell me
18 specifically what the risk was to that individual person in
19 terms of having a lower dosage?

20 A. I don't think you can put a number on it.

21 Q. You couldn't even be certain that the lower dosage had
22 an effect statistically you can look at a large group of
23 people but on an individual person you can never know for
24 sure what had an effect and what didn't; is that correct?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. No further questions.

2 THE COURT: Any redirect?

3 MS. McINTYRE: Can I have one moment, Your
4 Honor?

5 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am.

6 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

7 BY MS. McINTYRE:

8 Q. Is controlled deviation from medicine schedule what
9 happened in your review of the six patients?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Is it ever acceptable to deviate from the schedule
12 without discussing that with the patient?

13 A. I think in terms of fulfilling informed consent so the
14 patient could make a appropriate decision for themselves, but
15 that's not appropriate. So in my own practice when I will be
16 deviating, I will explain why I am changing it from the
17 standard and the reasons for that and so that the patient may
18 understand and accept or decline that treatment. So I think
19 it is very important to explain that to the patient ahead of
20 time.

21 Q. And when there is a lack of informed consent in your
22 opinion, does that itself create a risk of serious bodily
23 injury to cancer patient?

24 A. Potentially because we could never assume what our
25 beliefs are applied to that patient in terms of willingness

1 to accept risk and benefit in that ratio.

2 Q. Thank you, sir.

3 MS. THOMPSON: I do have a followup.

4 THE COURT: Okay, go ahead.

5 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

6 BY MS. THOMPSON:

7 Q. You are saying that a person needs to have consent, a
8 patient needs to consent. If they don't, they risk serious
9 bodily injury?

10 A. I think there is a process of consent, not just a
11 written form that there is a discussion ahead of time that
12 includes making sure the person understands their disease the
13 treatment option is the risks and benefits of those treatment
14 option and that's part of the initial interaction between the
15 patient and physician and family and sometimes the patient
16 will disagree with the physician and will seek other medical
17 care. That's only after there is this kind of communication.

18 Q. But that has to do with either trust or the relationship
19 between doctor patient. What the patient knows about their
20 treatment does not cause or prevent serious bodily injury,
21 right?

22 A. I think it is their understanding and willingness to
23 accept that risk benefit ratio that's important here.

24 Q. But that's different than it causing serious bodily
25 injury. What I understood the U.S. Attorney's question to

1 you to be was the lack of this consent and the lack of this
2 information, does it increase the risk of serious bodily
3 injury? And your answer was yes?

4 A. I think that if the patient is not fully informed then
5 their risk of benefit may have been impaired by an ad hoc
6 reduction in doses or the risk of harm may have been
7 increased again by the same kind of ad hoc adjustment of the
8 doses. And they have not been made a part of this discussion
9 so that they could make the decision and after all, it is the
10 patient that's being affected by all of this and they should
11 have the final say and be fully informed so they can make the
12 appropriate decision for themselves.

13 Q. Maybe I am not communicating my question clearly. It
14 doesn't matter what the patient knows or thinks about whether
15 or not they are caused serious bodily injury. Do you
16 understand what I mean by serious bodily injury?

17 A. I don't agree with that doesn't matter what the patient
18 thinks or knows. It does matter what the patient thinks or
19 knows, and that is conveyed by the physician as part of their
20 responsibility.

21 Q. But it doesn't change whether or not they suffer serious
22 bodily injury. They might have chosen --

23 A. It changes their risk.

24 THE COURT: You guys take turns. You are talking
25 over each other. Go ahead with your question. State your

1 question again, please.

2 BY MS. THOMPSON:

3 Q. It might change the decision that they make. It might
4 change their relationship with their doctor. But it does not
5 physically change what would happen with the medication or
6 would not happen with the medication. Consent or knowledge
7 doesn't change the physical outcome to the person's body; is
8 that correct?

9 A. I am afraid I don't understand the question.

10 Q. My question is you said that there was a risk to serious
11 bodily injury if the patient did not know what form of
12 treatment they were receiving. Can you explain that in more
13 detail for me what do you mean by that?

14 A. Well, in an extreme case I could say I am giving you
15 therapy to prevent recurrence of your cancer and you say
16 well, I think given what I know that that is reasonable. And
17 then I can turn around and give none of therapy. That would
18 increase that patient's risk of having a relapse and death
19 from that and have the potential to cause serious bodily harm
20 up to and including death.

21 Q. But it is not the conversation that occurs between the
22 two people that changes whether or not there is a risk of
23 death. It is the specific treatment they are receiving?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. So whether a person knows what treatment they are

1 receiving or not doesn't increase or decrease their serious
2 bodily injury. It is the treatment itself; is that what you
3 are saying?

4 A. Yes, I guess that would be true.

5 Q. Okay.

6 THE COURT: Anything else from this witness?

7 MS. McINTYRE: No, Judge.

8 THE COURT: Thank you, sir.

9 (Witness excused.)

10 THE COURT: Who is our next witness?

11 MS. McINTYRE: Your Honor, we call Sharon Matheny.

12 THE COURT: All right. If she could step forward,
13 please.

14 SHARON MATHENY

15 was called, and being first duly sworn, was examined and
16 testified as follows:

17 DIRECT EXAMINATION

18 BY MS. McINTYRE:

19 Q. Good morning. Or good afternoon, Ms. Matheny.

20 A. Good afternoon.

21 Q. Where did you go to college?

22 A. I went to Middle Tennessee State University in
23 Murfreesboro.

24 Q. When did you graduate with, what degree?

25 A. I graduated in December 1981 with a Bachelor's in

1 accounting.

2 Q. Where do you currently work?

3 A. I work for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

4 Q. And what is your position there?

5 A. I am an auditor for in the Medicare Fraud Control Unit.

6 Q. What does that mean?

7 A. The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or Auditor 4? I am
8 sorry.

9 Q. Auditor 4, please.

10 A. Auditor 4. I am my position assists the other agents in
11 the unit with the preparation of spreadsheets and accounting
12 issues to help them prepare and document their case for
13 presentation to juries, courts, et cetera.

14 Q. Okay. How, if at all, do you use your accounting
15 background in your current job?

16 A. I will get documentation from the various agents. It
17 may be bank records, invoices, billing records, and I take
18 those records, analyze them and document them in spreadsheets
19 to present to further explain in a summary method the
20 documentation.

21 Q. As part of your job, have you been asked to do some work
22 on the investigation of the defendant insofar as this
23 sentencing hearing is concerned?

24 A. Yes, I have.

25 Q. And what were you asked to do just for this sentencing

1 hearing?

2 A. I was asked to review the spreadsheets that the agent
3 prepared. They were the intended fraud worksheets. They
4 were summary worksheets. Patient listing for the various
5 drugs. And private other insurance company records.

6 Q. Okay. And did you review some trial exhibit or parts of
7 trial exhibits in order to do that?

8 A. I did.

9 MS. McINTYRE: I'd like to first show the witness
10 what we're marking as Government's Exhibit 1 and due to me
11 being a little bit slower although I am doing well today, I
12 am asking my co-counsel to help by handing copies out to
13 everyone.

14 THE COURT: That's fine. Thank you.

15 BY MS. McINTYRE:

16 Q. Do you recognize this document, ma'am?

17 A. Yes, I do.

18 Q. What is it?

19 A. It is the intended fraud amount summaries for the three
20 separate drugs Taxol, Procrit and Camptosar, and the fourth
21 schedule is the summary of all three drugs that summarizes
22 the total.

23 Q. Do you know who created this?

24 A. Bob Turner.

25 Q. And he is the agent with the Department of Health &

1 Human Services on this case?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Can you briefly explain to the Court what Table 1 shows
4 in terms of what it means by the total amount billed by Dr.
5 Moon from insurance for treating patients with Taxol or Onxol
6 during the indictment time period?

7 A. The total billed figures and intended figures are the
8 total that was billed by Dr. Moon and this was during the
9 trial we had spreadsheets that showed the amount billed, the
10 amount received that she received. And this total bill for
11 Medicare I took the summary, the spreadsheets from the trial
12 and summarized for Taxol for that one drug how much was the
13 total billed for Medicare, TennCare, private Blue Cross Blue
14 Shield and private other insurance companies.

15 Q. Okay. And what was the total amount that the defendant
16 billing during the indictment time frame as shown on this
17 chart?

18 A. For Taxol, it was \$1,559,483.80.

19 Q. And does the chart then apply the fraud percentage shown
20 at trial to that figure to determine the amount of intended
21 or billed loss?

22 A. Yes, it does.

23 Q. Okay. And what was that total for Taxol Onxol?

24 A. For the amount of intended fraud loss for Taxol, it was
25 \$763,201.

1 Q. Does that translate into the amount that the defendant
2 actually billed these insurance companies for Taxol Onxol
3 when she did not actually deliver those drugs?

4 A. Yes, ma'am.

5 Q. And were you able to verify that the amount on that this
6 chart is accurate?

7 A. Yes, I did.

8 Q. Turning to Table 2, the next page of this exhibit, is
9 this roughly the same analysis as applied to the drug
10 Camptosar during the indictment time frame?

11 A. Yes, it is.

12 Q. Were you able to determine if this table was also
13 accurate?

14 A. Yes, I was.

15 Q. Okay. And was it accurate?

16 A. Yes, it was.

17 Q. And in this table, does it apply the percentage from the
18 trial, the fraud percentage shown at trial for Camptosar?

19 A. Yes, it does.

20 Q. And when applying that fraud percentage for Camptosar,
21 what does this table and your analysis reflect was the total
22 amount of intended or billed fraud loss for that drug?

23 A. \$479,813.

24 Q. Okay. And turning to the next table, Table 3 in this
25 exhibit, does this apply the same analysis as we have been

1 discussing to the drug Procrit?

2 A. Yes, it does.

3 Q. And does it also apply the fraud percentage shown at
4 trial for Procrit to the amount that she billed total for
5 that drug?

6 A. Yes, it does.

7 Q. What was the total amount of intended or billed fraud
8 loss for Procrit during that time frame?

9 A. \$52,639.

10 Q. And turning to -- was that analysis on Table 3, was that
11 also accurate? Could you verify it?

12 A. Yes, it was accurate.

13 Q. Turning to Table 4 I think you already said this, but
14 does this simply add up the totals that we have just gone
15 through on Tables 1 through 3 to the total amount for all
16 three drugs during the indictment period?

17 A. Yes, it does.

18 Q. And what is that total?

19 A. \$1,295,653.

20 Q. What does that figure represent?

21 A. That figure represents the intended amount of fraud loss
22 based on the total that Dr. Moon billed which was determined
23 during the trial times the individual fraud percentage rates
24 which were also proven during the trial.

25 Q. So she submitted bills for these amounts, and this

1 corresponds with the percentage of those bills that was
2 fraudulent?

3 A. Yes, ma'am.

4 Q. Was that all accurate, everything in Table 4?

5 A. Yes, ma'am, it was.

6 MS. McINTYRE: We move Government Exhibit 1 into
7 evidence.

8 THE COURT: Granted.

9 BY MS. McINTYRE:

10 Q. I would next like to show you Government Exhibit 2. Do
11 you recognize this exhibit?

12 A. Yes, I do.

13 Q. What is it?

14 A. It is the list of patients that were private other
15 insurance companies meaning we had private Blue Cross Blue
16 Shield and then we had private other. And those are the
17 other individual private insurance companies which were
18 billed by Dr. Moon for services.

19 Q. So these patients necessarily didn't have Medicare or
20 TennCare; is that right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And is that a list of -- and who prepared this document?

23 A. Bob Turner with HHS.

24 Q. Okay. I'd next like to show you Government's Exhibit 3.
25 Do you recognize this exhibit?

1 A. Yes, I do.

2 Q. What is it?

3 A. It is an exhibit of the applied views of the patient
4 histories from Dr. Moon's office.

5 Q. Okay. And did you use the information in Exhibit 3 to
6 determine if the chart in Exhibit 2 was accurate?

7 A. Yes, I did.

8 Q. Can you walk the Court through how you were able to
9 verify what's in Exhibit 2 by the raw data in Exhibit 3?

10 A. On page 1 it is U.S. 385.

11 Q. Are you talking about three, right?

12 A. Exhibit 3, yes, ma'am. The patient name it is Chart
13 Number 150, and the name on it is Charlene Less. It shows
14 here from looking at this applied view that the patient had
15 private insurance summarized by HP. And it shows the drugs
16 that she was administered and I used that Charlene Less is
17 the first patient that's on Exhibit 2, and the HP shows her
18 insurance private other insurance as HP on Exhibit 2.

19 MS. THOMPSON: Your Honor, at this point I am
20 going to object to this testimony as being irrelevant to
21 what's going on. These are other insurance companies. They
22 were not included in the indictment, Your Honor. And I would
23 say that under Booker they don't come in. The guidelines may
24 be advisory, but we still have the rule of Apprendi in that
25 there is no reason for the government to present proof that

1 is not part of the indictment in terms of enhancing sentence.

2 THE COURT: Response.

3 MS. McINTYRE: It is relevant conduct, Your Honor.

4 And the sentencing guidelines which of course are a factor

5 that the Court must consider as part of its decision

6 specifically has a provision about the number of victims.

7 And as defense counsel pointed out earlier, one of those

8 victims' provisions has to deal with economic loss. This

9 portion of the testimony about loss to other private

10 insurance companies is directly on point to that issue, which

11 of course is a sentencing guideline consideration.

12 THE COURT: I am going to overrule the objection.

13 Think it goes to the enhancement that's proposed in the

14 presentence report regarding the number of victims and

15 whether any of these insurers are victims. Go ahead.

16 BY MS. McINTYRE:

17 Q. Ma'am, I just want to make sure that everyone

18 understands because I know this chart has a lot of different

19 entries on it. When you say HP, are you referring to the

20 column that says Carrier and then says Pay -- looks like it

21 stands for Pay Source. Is that where HP is listed repeatedly

22 for this patient?

23 A. Yes, it is.

24 Q. Is HP in your judgment, is that another private insurer?

25 A. That's private other insurer.

1 Q. And does the fact that her applied view lists HP as her
2 private insurer, is that what Exhibit 2 states for her as her
3 primary insurance?

4 A. Yes, it is.

5 Q. Okay. Turning to the next page of Government Exhibit 3,
6 does that refer to patient Paul Olandorf?

7 A. Yes, it does.

8 Q. What does this document indicate that his first and
9 secondary insurance companies are?

10 A. Page one shows his primary is CNL. And page two shows a
11 secondary of CON.

12 Q. And turning to the next patient, Lyla Powell, what is
13 shown for her as her private other insurance?

14 A. COMG.

15 Q. And turning to the next page for patient, Udean
16 Richardson, what insurers are shown for him?

17 A. At first it shows TennCare, and secondly it shows UCT.

18 Q. Is that listed next to a bill for the drug Procrit on
19 the page Bates stamped U.S. 555?

20 A. Yes, it does.

21 Q. Does that indicate that UCT was his secondary insurer
22 after TennCare?

23 A. Yes, it does.

24 Q. Turning to the next patient entry on U.S. 565 of
25 Government Exhibit 3, is that for patient Ruby Simpson?

1 A. Yes, it is.

2 Q. And are there several private other insurance carriers
3 listed for her?

4 A. Yes, there were.

5 Q. Can you tell us who they are.

6 A. MC1, USA HW, AFLAC and STERL.

7 Q. And do those correspond with the private other insurance
8 companies listed on Government Exhibit 2 for this patient?

9 A. Yes, they do.

10 Q. Turning to the next patient on Government Exhibit 3,
11 Janet Stout, what private other insurance carrier is listed
12 for her?

13 A. CS.

14 Q. Okay. And turning to the next patient, Sheila Taylor,
15 what private other insurance is listed for her?

16 A. CTR and USAA.

17 Q. And for the following patient Larry Turner, what does
18 Government Exhibit 3 show as his private other insurance
19 carrier?

20 A. PLIC.

21 Q. And for the last patient here, Shirley Wyatt, what is
22 shown for her private insurance carrier?

23 A. MM and UHC.

24 Q. Okay. And by going over this review in Government
25 Exhibit 3, were you able to verify that all of the

1 information in Government Exhibit 3 was correct and accurate?

2 A. In Exhibit 2?

3 Q. I am sorry, yes.

4 A. Yes, ma'am. It was accurate.

5 Q. Okay.

6 MS. McINTYRE: We move Government Exhibit 2 into
7 evidence.

8 MS. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I object at this time,
9 one, based on my previous reasons but also in the fact that
10 this chart is wrong. The witness testified that on Paul
11 Olandorf, his primary insurance was CNL and secondary was
12 CON, and that's not reflected on the chart.

13 Also testified on Udean Richardson, the primary
14 was TennCare and the secondary was UCT, and that's not
15 reflected on the chart, so I object to this Government
16 Exhibit 2 coming in as being incorrect.

17 THE COURT: Response.

18 MS. McINTYRE: Your Honor, as for Paul Olandorf,
19 we're happy to have a witness draw an arrow reversing CON and
20 CNL for him. As for Janet Stout, this chart is just about
21 private other insurance; therefore, TennCare necessarily
22 wouldn't have been listed as, but we're happy to have her
23 make a notation to that effect if you wish.

24 THE COURT: Well, this is for private insurance.
25 TennCare is not a private insurer, and if you want to make an

1 adjustment based on who is the first insurance versus second
2 insurance on Mr. Olandorf, you are welcome to do that. I
3 think it is admissible.

4 MS. McINTYRE: Okay.

5 BY MS. McINTYRE:

6 Q. So it is up to you if you want to draw an arrow. But
7 whether CON or CNL was secondary or primary, does the
8 Government Exhibit 3 still reflect that they were both
9 insurance?

10 A. Yes, it does.

11 Q. Private other insurance for him. Okay. I would now
12 like you to try to total the number of private insurance
13 companies affected on Government Exhibit 3. I am sorry,
14 Exhibit 2. I apologize.

15 A. There are 15 private other insurance companies on
16 Exhibit 2.

17 Q. Okay. And did all of those appear to have paid bills
18 for the drugs at issue in this case?

19 A. Yes, they did.

20 Q. So they would have paid bills for the three drugs at
21 issue during the indictment time frame for these patients?

22 A. Yes, it appears that they did.

23 Q. Okay.

24 MS. McINTYRE: Your Honor, we also move Exhibit 3
25 into evidence although we would note that the applied views

1 were admitted at trial, and these are simply excerpts from
2 the applied views as they pertain to the private other
3 insurers.

4 THE COURT: Granted. The objection of the
5 defendant though is preserved.

6 MS. McINTYRE: I would next like to show the
7 witness Government Exhibit 4.

8 BY MS. McINTYRE:

9 Q. Do you recognize this document?

10 A. Yes, I do.

11 Q. What is it?

12 A. It is a ranking of the Taxol patients in relation to the
13 amount of fraud that was the fraud difference that was
14 brought out during trial. The amount that was -- let me
15 gather my thoughts for a second. I used my prior spread-
16 sheet, and this summarizes them. And we have the fraud
17 difference for Taxol and then we rank in order we're trying
18 to determine how many victims from for this drug there were
19 and to spread the fraud difference giving her the benefit of
20 the doubt for the patient that were brought out during trial
21 to have gotten partial dosages they are brought out as if
22 they got none to lessen the number of victims.

23 Q. And who created this document?

24 A. Bob Turner created this.

25 Q. Okay. And did you make an effort to verify his work?

1 A. I verified the work, yes, ma'am.

2 Q. Was it accurate?

3 A. It was accurate.

4 Q. Okay.

5 MS. McINTYRE: We move Exhibit 4 into evidence.

6 THE COURT: Granted.

7 BY MS. McINTYRE:

8 Q. Just sort of going through this chart, the first part of
9 Exhibit 4, does that list the Taxol patient who got partial
10 doses per Dr. Rothenberg's testimony?

11 A. Yes, it does.

12 Q. And are those patients Herbert Cordell, Richard DeMars
13 and Howard Edwards?

14 A. Yes, they are.

15 Q. And in this chart, does that give the benefit of the
16 doubt to the defendant by assuming that they got zero
17 percentage of the medicine that they were billed for Taxol
18 and Onxol?

19 A. Yes, it does.

20 Q. And can you explain does this document, does this chart
21 then subtract the amount of the fraud loss shown at trial,
22 the 51,964 milligrams, and then subtract from that the amount
23 that these three patients got total; is that what it does?

24 A. Yes, it does.

25 Q. And even after those three patients are subtracted out

1 and everything that they were charted as getting for that
2 drug, was there still a remaining fraud difference of 36,962
3 milligrams.

4 A. Yes, there was.

5 Q. Okay. And then does the chart next assume that Billy
6 Jones who there was also testimony about at trial him not
7 getting a dose he was billed for, does it also subtract out
8 the total dose that he got ever for Taxol Onxol?

9 A. Yes, it does.

10 Q. And then after that is subtracted out, was there still a
11 remaining amount of Taxol, Onxol that hadn't been given per
12 the trial testimony?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. And how were the next patients arrived at?

15 A. The Taxol patients were ranked by the patient that got
16 the highest amount of dosages in milligrams, and so after you
17 take out the first four patients that you previously discuss
18 then we took the next highest and then in decreasing order
19 until the fraud amount was gone.

20 Q. Okay. And how many patients did that show could not
21 have if they didn't get any of the dose billed and both by
22 the trial testimony and then by the patient who got the --
23 should have gotten the highest doses per their charts, how
24 many patient total would have been affected under that
25 analysis per these charts?

1 A. Nine patients.

2 Q. Okay. And I noticed that there is a column here for
3 Procrit patient. Why is that?

4 A. That is so that we can determine if they also got
5 Procrit so they are not counted twice as victims. They are
6 only counted once.

7 Q. Okay. But just looking at the total number of Taxol
8 patients affect here by this analysis that gives her a lot of
9 benefit of the doubt, that still does that still show that
10 nine patients wouldn't have gotten their full doses of Taxol?

11 A. Yes, ma'am.

12 Q. I would next like to show you Government Exhibit 5.

13 MS. MCINTYRE: Your Honor, I am not sure I moved
14 Government 4 into evidence. If not, I move it.

15 THE COURT: I don't believe so. Granted.

16 BY MS. MCINTYRE:

17 Q. Thank you. Do you recognize Government Exhibit 5?

18 A. Yes, I do.

19 Q. What is it?

20 A. It is the ranking of the Camptosar patient during the
21 indictment time frame to determine -- to spread out the fraud
22 difference that was brought out in trial.

23 Q. And was this also created by Agent Turner?

24 A. Yes, it was.

25 Q. Were you able to verify that the information on this

1 chart is accurate?

2 A. Yes, it was accurate.

3 MS. McINTYRE: We move Government Exhibit 5 into
4 evidence.

5 THE COURT: Granted.

6 BY MS. McINTYRE:

7 Q. Just briefly does this roughly use the same method of
8 analysis that we just went through with the Taxol Onxol?

9 A. Yes, exactly.

10 Q. So the first part of it, does that assume that the three
11 Camptosar patients who Dr. Rothenberg felt did not get full
12 doses that they actually got zero dose and you can subtract
13 that from the fraud amount for Camptosar?

14 A. Yes, it does.

15 Q. After that, does it then apply then subtract out the
16 total amount that Sheila Taylor who there was also trial
17 testimony about that she didn't get any of her Camptosar
18 either?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. After those patients are subtracted out, is the next
21 patient the person who was got had the next highest amount
22 charted for Camptosar?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And how many patients does that show total it would take
25 to account for the fraud loss for Camptosar?

1 A. Five.

2 Q. And in that five, does that include an assumption that
3 they all got zero percent of what they were charted for
4 getting as opposed to just a partial dose?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. So in that way it gives her the benefit of doubt?

7 A. Yes, it gives her the benefit of the doubt on the number
8 of victims.

9 Q. You mentioned I see again this Procrit patient column.
10 Does that again show who got Procrit and who didn't?

11 A. Yes, so that they are not included twice as victim.

12 Q. Okay. But that shows that there were five Camptosar
13 patients in general who could not have gotten if they are
14 looking at the zero percentage analysis who could not have
15 gotten the full dose; is that right?

16 A. Yes, ma'am.

17 Q. I'd next like to show you Government Exhibit 6.

18 Do you recognize this?

19 A. Yes, this is the list of patients that got Procrit that
20 was prepared by Bob Hunter -- Turner, excuse me.

21 Q. This covers the indictment time frame?

22 A. Yes, it does.

23 Q. Were you able to verify if the information on this chart
24 was true and accurate?

25 A. Yes, I did, and it was accurate.

1 MS. McINTYRE: We move Government Exhibit 6 into
2 evidence.

3 THE COURT: Granted.

4 BY MS. McINTYRE:

5 Q. Does the first part of this chart simply reflect the
6 patient who only got Procrit as opposed to getting Taxol,
7 Onxol or Camptosar?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. How many were in that group?

10 A. The ones that only got Procrit were 40.

11 Q. Forty different people?

12 A. Forty different patients.

13 Q. Does the next category show the patient who got Procrit
14 and Camptosar both?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And when you add those in, what does the number grow to?

17 A. Forty-seven.

18 Q. Okay. Then when you go to the number of people who got
19 Procrit and Taxol together, how many would be on that list?

20 A. That brings the total to 69.

21 Q. Okay. And of course we have already mentioned that some
22 of these Procrit patients also got Taxol or Camptosar?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. When you account sort of avoid double counting those
25 patients, how many individual people are there who either by

1 Government Exhibit 4 and 5 couldn't have gotten their
2 Camptosar and Taxol or who couldn't have gotten Procrit per
3 other trial testimony, how many does that leave?

4 A. May I see Exhibit 4 and 5 again, please.

5 Q. Sure.

6 A. We had 69 on the Procrit list, and then from the Taxol
7 list that was I think it was Exhibit 4, we would have added
8 four which would have been four and 69, 73. And Exhibit 5,
9 we add another two which would bring the total to 75.

10 Q. Okay. So would that reflect just to be clear that even
11 giving the defendant the benefit of the doubt regarding
12 Camptosar and Taxol and then including all of the Procrit
13 patients during the indictment time frame that there would
14 have been 75 different people who could not or did not get
15 the doses charted and billed for?

16 A. Yes, ma'am, 75.

17 Q. Seventy-five different patients?

18 A. Seventy-five different patients.

19 Q. Okay. I have nothing further.

20 THE COURT: Your witness.

21 CROSS-EXAMINATION

22 BY MS. THOMPSON:

23 Q. I want to first ask you about this Exhibit 1 that you
24 testified about. Now, I see three -- there is Medicare,
25 TennCare and Blue Cross Blue Shield listed as the top three

1 insurance companies; is that correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Now, for Medicare, TennCare and Blue Cross Blue Shield,
4 each insurance company negotiates their own rate of benefit
5 or charges. They negotiate with doctors and hospitals, and
6 their providers on their provider list an amount that they
7 will reimburse for a certain product; is that correct?

8 A. I have no idea. I don't -- that's not part of my job.

9 Q. Okay. So when you are trying to figure out these
10 numbers, you don't know how much each individual insurance
11 company paid for, let's say, Taxol, correct?

12 A. No.

13 Q. You don't know how much they paid for a dose of Taxol?

14 A. No, I just this chart only shows total billed.

15 Q. Okay. So if over time between '99 and 2001 the price of
16 Taxol increased per dosage and the contract that the doctor
17 or the provider had with the insurance company to pay back a
18 different amount changed, it is not reflected in these total
19 numbers?

20 A. No. It is only thing that is on this exhibit is the
21 total that Dr. Moon billed to the various insurance companies
22 during the indictment period.

23 Q. Okay. So work with me here then. If let's say in the
24 year 1999 there were \$500,000 of Procrit billed for let's say
25 during that year she ordered none and it is given a value per

1 dosage like a dollar per vial or a dollar per dose. That's
2 going to equal a different total than if in the year 2001
3 each vial has two dollars per dose; is that right?

4 A. That won't have any effect on this exhibit because this
5 exhibit is merely the total that these insurance companies
6 have in their records that Dr. Moon billed them during the
7 indictment period.

8 Q. But it would vary because if in, let's say, in 1999 is a
9 year that no Taxol was given but yet Dr. Moon billed for the
10 Taxol, if it's got a different rate of reimbursement that
11 does change the formula if then in the year 2001, the rate of
12 reimbursement is higher. You could alter the amount of
13 intended loss by changing the amount that each dose is
14 reimbursed for if you have different doses that are actually
15 shorted in different years?

16 A. No, the intended loss on this exhibit is merely based on
17 the fraud percentage that was determined during the trial for
18 the indictment period for each individual drug times the
19 total amount the Dr. Moon billed during the indictment
20 period. It has nothing to do with reimbursement rate. It is
21 the total amount that she actually billed. That she sent for
22 the to the insurance company asking for reimbursement.

23 Q. So depending on any year it was and how much the Taxol
24 amount was for reimbursement per dosage would not change the
25 total outcome in terms of loss?

1 A. Not on this schedule it wouldn't because reimbursement
2 rate has nothing to do with the amount billed.

3 Q. Doesn't that assume that then each year the fraud
4 percentage is the exact same of 48.939 percent?

5 A. No.

6 Q. If the first year you have a hundred percent of fraud
7 and the last year you have zero fraud, would that not then
8 change the outcome total?

9 A. That was the total fraud percentage determined during
10 trial. I don't know how else to explain it. It was based on
11 the indictment period the total period on what she was paid.
12 May I get my prior spreadsheets to look at?

13 Q. Sure.

14 A. During trial the fraud percentage rate as shown on this
15 Exhibit 1 for Taxol being 48.939 percent, that fraud
16 percentage rate was determined by taking the drugs purchased
17 plus the overfill, taking the overfill into consideration,
18 divided by the drugs purportedly administered, and that's
19 what determined that fraud percentage rate. And that was
20 determined during trial. Taking that fraud percentage rate
21 which was over the indictment period, multiplying it by the
22 total that Dr. Moon billed each individual insurance company,
23 TennCare, Medicare, Blue Cross Blue Shield and then the
24 private others together is how we determined or how, excuse
25 me, how Bob Turner determined the amount of intended fraud

1 loss.

2 Q. Let me ask you this question. The Medicare
3 reimbursement amount, did you give her any credit for what
4 might have been the fair value such as the amount that
5 Medicare gives in reimbursement is different than the amount
6 TennCare would give for reimbursement which might be
7 different from Blue Cross Blue Shield. Do you agree with
8 that?

9 A. I have no idea. That didn't come into it. I got his
10 summaries and determined that the total billed that is the
11 total that Medicare stated during the indictment period Dr.
12 Moon billed them for her patient. That's the total that
13 Medicare showed as billed. And these spreadsheets were
14 determined were used during trial and determined to be
15 correct.

16 Q. Okay. Here is where I think that the problem the flaw
17 is in this logic if you don't take into account which year it
18 was billed and how much it was billed for like not just the
19 year but when the price changes. So let's say that you take
20 this 48.9 percent fraud, that's the average fraud over the
21 period of the indictment; is that right?

22 A. May I restate that? I believe, okay, we have each
23 individual patient listed on these spreadsheets. So the one
24 patient his service dates of service were in 2000, 2001. And
25 they are billed at different dollars billed for units and

1 that.

2 Q. Right.

3 A. So I mean this spreadsheet would determine would be
4 different for different years. Some years let's say he was
5 billed six units were billed \$2400. Other years they might
6 have been billed at \$2800 on in latter part of 2001. So they
7 are actual amounts billed individual date of service all
8 totalled up for all of the patients for one drug and then the
9 difficult -- then the fraud percentage rate is multiplied
10 times the total amount billed. The fraud rate was determined
11 during the trial for Taxol to be 48.939 percent.

12 Q. But the fraud rate requires that the same amount of
13 fraud percentage apply to each period when the money is
14 charged. So if you have a unit of drugs that cost one dollar
15 this year and let's say there is no fraud on that and you buy
16 ten units so there is zero percentage of fraud that year.
17 And then the next year a unit of medicine costs \$100 and you
18 bill for 100 units and you if you then bill for 100 units and
19 buy none, that's a hundred percent fraud. And if the price
20 goes up that second year so that each vial is worth a hundred
21 dollars, that's a thousand dollars worth of fraud the second
22 year and no fraud the first year. But that assumes that the
23 amounts stay the same for each one each year?

24 A. No. The fraud percentage is determined by actual
25 milligrams, and it is over the entire indictment period. So

1 you determine your fraud rate by determining how much was
2 purportedly administered less how much was actually purchased
3 plus overfill. You get the difference. Divide it by the
4 amount that was purportedly administered, and you determine
5 your fraud percentage rate. Then that percentage rate is
6 multiplied -- you get your amounts billed which are different
7 for each year for different parts of the year. And you set
8 your percentage, your fraud percentage rate against total
9 amount billed so that would not be, in my opinion,
10 multiplying at different rates because the rate of
11 reimbursement in that is not taken into consideration in this
12 spreadsheet. It is based -- it is totally the total amount
13 that Dr. Moon billed to the insurance companies. So the rate
14 of percentage I didn't look at that when I determined that
15 this was correct. That was not taken into my calculations.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. Because the fraud was already -- the percentage was
18 already determined during the trial.

19 Q. Very good.

20 MS. THOMPSON: Your Honor, just one more minute.

21 THE COURT: All right.

22 BY MS. THOMPSON:

23 Q. So just to be clear, since you did not take into
24 consideration the reimbursement rate, the reimbursement rate
25 is never the billed rate; is that right?

1 A. I have no idea. I just know from the spreadsheets that
2 were given during trial and proven to be correct that the
3 total dollars billed corresponded to the records from the
4 insurance company as being billed from Dr. Moon, and that's
5 what this individual exhibit is based on.

6 REDI RECT EXAMI NATION

7 BY MS. McINTYRE:

8 Q. The charts that you have been testifying about, they
9 don't show anything about reimbursement rate, do they?

10 A. No, ma'am, they show billing, total billing.

11 Q. They just show the total billed amount slash the
12 intended loss?

13 A. Yes, ma'am.

14 Q. Okay. Nothing else.

15 THE COURT: Thank you, ma'am. You can step down.
16 (Witness excused.)

17 MR. WILLIAMSON: Your Honor, can we have a
18 five-minute break for Ms. McIntyre?

19 THE COURT: Yes, we'll take a five-minute break.
20 (A recess was taken.)

21 THE COURT: Who is our next witness?

22 MS. McINTYRE: We call Diana DeWitt.
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25 DI ANA DeWTT

1 was called, and being first duly sworn, was examined and
2 testified as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4 BY MS. McINTYRE:

5 Q. Where do you live, Ms. DeWitt?

6 A. I live here in Nashville.

7 Q. And what do you do for a living?

8 A. I have about four jobs but between music, business
9 things, I sing and also I have a clothing line.

10 Q. What are the names of your parents?

11 A. Donald M. DeWitt and Delores M. DeWitt.

12 Q. Are they still living?

13 A. My father is.

14 Q. Okay. And is your mother deceased?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What was your -- I am sorry, did you also say Delores
17 DeWitt was your mother's name?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. When did she die?

20 A. August 30, 2001.

21 Q. Okay. And was your mother previously a patient of the
22 defendant Dr. Young Moon?

23 A. Yes, she was.

24 Q. Approximately when was she her patient?

25 A. She was diagnosed with ovarian cancer on her birthday on

1 July 17th, 2000, and she was assigned to Dr. Moon and she was
2 her doctor up until she died.

3 Q. Okay. And why specifically was your mother seeing the
4 defendant?

5 A. It seemed that people that were diagnosed with breast
6 cancer, ovarian cancer and prostate cancer were pretty much
7 assigned to her from her other doctor. At least that's what
8 I was aware of.

9 Q. Did your mother have ovarian cancer?

10 A. Ovarian.

11 Q. Are you aware of what course of treatment the defendant
12 gave to your mother?

13 A. I tried to, you know, getting on the internet and I learn
14 as much as I could about what was going on, and I was with
15 her for all of the chemo treatments. I know that she was
16 given Taxol, Paraplatin, those were two that I am positive
17 of. And also she was taking Procrit too.

18 Q. Okay. You mentioned that you were with her for her
19 treatments. How was this? Did you drive from Nashville to
20 Crossville?

21 A. Uh-huh. Yes, it was about every three weeks or so.

22 Q. Did you go up for every single one of those treatments?

23 A. Every time.

24 Q. Did you stay with your mom during those treatments and
25 afterwards?

1 A. Uh-huh. It would be over a course of three, four days I
2 would be there right before, take her there, bring her back.

3 THE COURT: Would you mind pulling your chair a
4 little closer to the microphone so I can hear you a little
5 better.

6 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

7 THE COURT: Thank you very much.

8 BY MS. McINTYRE:

9 Q. Were you able to observe how your mother responded to
10 her chemo treatments?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. And can you describe to us how she responded in
13 terms of her side effects, that sort of thing.

14 A. She initially lost her hair after the first initial
15 treatment. She got pretty sick. She was nauseous, throwing
16 up, diarrhea. You know, typical things that you read what is
17 going to happen to you. You know, when you undergo chemo.
18 And that was the initial thing, you know, the hair fell out.
19 Fingernails got messed up. That kind of thing.

20 Q. Did her reaction change over time?

21 A. As she was doing the treatments, it seemed she would not
22 be sick. She -- her hair started growing back. She wouldn't
23 be nauseous. She would have her appetite. I would -- I
24 loved cooking for her. I would cook her a meal. She would
25 sit down and eat it. She says, I must be getting used to

1 this stuff. I am not sick. I feel great. I want to go
2 golfing, you know.

3 I mean these are some of the things that it just
4 it seemed pretty remarkable.

5 Q. Okay. And what did you think about your mother's
6 response at the time?

7 A. Her mother was still alive and has a very strong
8 constitution. Lived to be 102. Outlived mother. And she is
9 a strong, very strong woman, and we just thought that mother
10 was the same way. That she just had a very strong
11 constitution and that she had her mind set to beat this, and,
12 you know, that's why she was just -- she just wasn't having
13 the normal reaction that one would have with chemo.

14 Q. And did your opinion about why your mother seemed to be
15 increasingly responding well to the chemo, did your opinion
16 about that change over time or at a certain point?

17 MS. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I'd like to object at
18 this point. I am sure this woman -- and the Court has said
19 she can testify about impact, but it sounds to me like she is
20 giving some medical testimony, Did your opinion about her
21 chemotherapy treatment? I think that's really calling for
22 medical testimony. I am just not sure how this is useful,
23 and I would object it this line of questioning.

24 THE COURT: Response.

25 MS. McINTYRE: I am happy to change my question

1 slightly, but I think that the question was appropriate. It
2 gets at this victim's experience and how this court case has
3 affected it, how the whole episode has affected her
4 personally, and that's why a victim is allowed to testify.

5 THE COURT: I am going to let her testify, but you
6 cannot pose any questions that call for medical conclusion
7 since she is not an expert.

8 BY MS. McINTYRE:

9 Q. I will just go back add one question first and then get
10 to the other one. Did you at some point find out about there
11 being a criminal case or investigation of the defendant?

12 A. I heard it on the news and saw it in the paper after it
13 initially was put out. Over three years ago when all of
14 this -- I guess I don't know the exact date. It seemed like
15 it was the summer of maybe 2002. Maybe it was the fall of
16 2002 when I heard about it.

17 Q. Okay. And after you learned about the criminal case
18 against the defendant, did that change in any way your
19 opinion of your mother's response in terms of side effects?

20 A. From what I read and from the people that I know that
21 have gone through chemo, chemotherapy takes you within an
22 inch of death. It kills all the living cells. Fast growing
23 cells. And it makes you sick as a dog. And because your
24 body will try to survive, my understanding is this. That she
25 must not been treated with the chemo doses that, you know,

1 she was taking. I mean they must have been diluted. She
2 must have been one of the cases that was being shorted.

3 Q. And not in terms of a medical, but based on your
4 observation why did you conclude that?

5 A. Because she wasn't being sick. Her hair was growing
6 back. She wasn't losing her appetite. She I mean chemo is
7 cumulative, and from what I have read and what I understand,
8 I know I am not a medical nurse.

9 MS. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I object.

10 THE COURT: I am not going to let her give medical
11 testimony. She can testify about what information she
12 received and what she concluded from it from a lay point of
13 view, but she is not a medical expert.

14 BY MS. McINTYRE:

15 Q. After you changed your conclusion about why your mother
16 was responding well to the chemo, how were you affected
17 personally by that changed conclusion?

18 A. Well, I was very angry, and I didn't think that -- that
19 is why, you know, I got a hold of Andy Corbitt when I found
20 out TBI was investigating. I just offered any information
21 that I could give from the experience that I had with my mom
22 and her cancer experience with Dr. Moon. And I just, you
23 know, I appreciate being able to come up here and speak
24 today. I know I am not a medical person, but I just want
25 things to be fair.

1 Q. And how has the loss of your mother affected you
2 personally?

3 A. It has extremely affected my whole family. My mom was
4 the captain of our team, and we have lost the captain. It is
5 just totally different now. And I miss her terribly. And I
6 ask you to give this woman the maximum. It is not right that
7 someone takes a medical degree and uses it to their benefit
8 for financial gain.

9 Q. I am just going to give you a minute, ma'am.

10 A. I am okay.

11 Q. I know you mentioned that you talked to Agent Corbitt.
12 Have you been very involved in following this case?

13 A. I came to as much as the trial as I could.

14 Q. Did you attend any hearings before the trial as well?

15 A. I came to one that some new evidence had been given and
16 so they postponed it, and it was very short. It was a very
17 short morning that day. And Judge Campbell decided to start
18 the trial later because of new evidence. So there was that.
19 That was before the trial.

20 Q. Did you also call me personally and case agents for
21 updates on the case?

22 A. Yes, I did. You are on my quick dial.

23 Q. And did your involvement in monitoring this case take
24 away from your work and personal life in any way?

25 A. Well, it is, you know, like I said, it has been very

1 hard on my family, and we are very close family. And, you
2 know, we are just trying to deal with it. It is one thing
3 losing your mom and then to find out it was because of
4 malicious behavior, it just adds to it.

5 Q. Is there anything else that you would like to tell the
6 judge in this case?

7 A. Thank you for listening to me. And I just hope you find
8 it in your heart to give her the maximum. That's what I am
9 asking. And thank you for listening.

10 THE COURT: Ms. Thompson.

11 MS. THOMPSON: Your Honor, no questions. May we
12 approach the bench, please?

13 THE COURT: Yes.

14 (A bench conference was held as follows:)

15 MR. SIMMONS: I am Jim Simmons, for the record.
16 Your Honor, it is apparent that there are a number of people
17 here who have lost loved ones. And I think two things that
18 we object to. Number one, is giving an opinion as to what
19 the ultimate sentence should be. I think that's clearly
20 objectionable. That's for this Court to decide. Based upon
21 the facts. They can testify as to what they saw and what
22 occurred to their loved one in the course of cancer. But I
23 think they also cannot give what in fact is a medical opinion
24 the link between the chemo or lack of chemotherapy and the
25 condition of that patient. That a medical conclusion.

1 I make an objection because it is clearly
2 inappropriate, but I think it would be unfair to these people
3 to object every time that they begin talking in those terms.
4 I just want to make it clear what our objection is.

5 THE COURT: Okay.

6 MR. SIMMONS: I would ask -- it is obvious what
7 their opinion is as to the sentence is give her every day you
8 can. But I think it is not victim testimony. I think it is
9 inappropriate victim testimony. You can announce that, you
10 know, that's your decision and not theirs.

11 THE COURT: Response?

12 MR. WILLIAMSON: Your Honor, I will say this first
13 of all. I would say their opinion on the sentence goes
14 exactly to the point of Victim Rights Act, why they are now
15 legally empowered to speak and be present at sentencing
16 hearings. I mean, Your Honor obviously can take that in
17 consideration however Your Honor sees fit in fashioning a
18 sentence you think is appropriate. With respect to the
19 medical opinions we will craft our questions to avoid that.
20 To the extent that they do that inadvertent they obviously
21 have opinions why their loved ones did not suffer side
22 effects that usually see from cancer patients. I think Your
23 Honor can cure that in crafting sentence you will not take
24 into medical term given by nonexperts, but we will craft our
25 requests.

1 THE COURT: The objection is preserved. You don't
2 need to object every time. Having said that, I am not taking
3 this testimony as medical testimony as to causation,
4 proximate causation. These are lay witnesses talking about
5 matters that they are perceiving in an emotional way, and I
6 take it in that perspective. I am bound by the law. I am
7 going to apply the law to the sentencing, and I am not swayed
8 by quest for this sentence or that sentence. I am going to
9 apply the advisory guidelines 3553(a) and listen to your
10 arguments and apply the law. But they are entitled under the
11 Victims Rights Act to be heard. I am filtering their
12 statement through the fact that they are not experts and that
13 I have to apply the law and their request may or may not
14 comply with the law. In any event, it is not fact. It is
15 their rendition of their state of mind.

16 MS. THOMPSON: Because I think even the last
17 witness that testified her mother died from surgery which was
18 a complication of some intestinal problems and, you know, I
19 am put in the difficult situation do I cross-examine her
20 about that. But then she is not a doctor, so I don't want to
21 cross-examine her and get her medical opinion about the
22 surgery. But, you know, I am not even sure her mother died
23 from the cancer ultimately.

24 THE COURT: You are welcome to talk to her about
25 that. Thank you.

1 (Bench conference concluded.)

2 THE COURT: Your witness, Ms. Thompson.

3 MS. THOMPSON: No questions, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Thank you, ma'am. Appreciate you
5 coming.

6 (Witness excused.)

7 THE COURT: Ms. McIntyre.

8 MR. WILLIAMSON: Call Donelle Bowman.

9 DONELLE BOWMAN

10 was called, and being first duly sworn, was examined and
11 testified as follows:

12 DIRECT EXAMINATION

13 BY MS. MCINTYRE:

14 Q. Where do you live, ma'am?

15 A. Lexington, Virginia.

16 Q. And what do you do for a living?

17 A. I am self-employed as a graphic designer.

18 Q. Who are your parents?

19 A. Donald M. DeWitt and Delores Morelock DeWitt.

20 Q. And is your mother still living?

21 A. No, she is not.

22 Q. And was she previously a patient of the defendant?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Approximately when was that?

25 A. It was mid July 2000 until her death end of August 2001.

1 Q. And why was your mother seeing the defendant?

2 A. She had been diagnosed with late stage ovarian cancer.

3 Q. Are you aware of the medicines that the defendant gave
4 to your mother?

5 A. Well, I was there most of the chemo as well and just
6 from seeing records and seeing what was on the little bags of
7 stuff, I know that Taxol was one of the things. And she did
8 eventually was supposed to be getting Procrit because she did
9 have ups and downs. That's how I remember it that she did
10 have times where her hair came back, but then she had times
11 where she didn't want to get out of bed.

12 Q. You mentioned that you were there for most of the
13 treatments. Can you explain how it was that if you lived in
14 Virginia you were there for those treatments.

15 A. I drove in. Being self-employed, I could take the time
16 off. I am married fortunately to a man who makes enough
17 income without mine to handle our household expenses, so I
18 could take four or five days and drive in -- it is six hours
19 from Lexington to Crossville -- and be there to help mom and
20 my dad who was pretty dependent on my mom.

21 Q. And were you able to observe how your mother responded
22 to her chemo treatments in terms of any side effects she
23 suffered?

24 A. Yes, I was. It did vary, and in my recollection at
25 first she did get the full impact of what I understood chemo

1 would be, the hair loss and the weakness and tiredness. But
2 then there was occasionally times where she felt great. She
3 would be up and around. I'd still be there because I didn't
4 want her to have to do the laundry and all of that sort of
5 thing, but she still didn't want to see people very often
6 because of the hair loss thing. But she would be up and
7 around and being as big a part of the family as she always
8 was.

9 Q. Okay. And what did you think at the time about how your
10 mother was doing?

11 A. I don't think I thought that it was because she was
12 getting better. I just I didn't know if it was if there was
13 reduced amounts, and I didn't know the reason for it maybe.
14 I don't believe it was explained to her, but maybe I thought
15 Dr. Moon had reduced for her benefit if she couldn't take it
16 any more. But I still it just seemed inconsistent to me.

17 Q. And at a certain point did you learn about this criminal
18 case?

19 A. Yes, I did. My sister who was just up here, she lives
20 here and apprised me of all of the news and that sort of
21 thing. I am the farthest away so I am the least in contact.

22 Q. After you learned about the criminal case, how did you
23 feel about your mother's treatment by Dr. Moon?

24 A. Well, it made me rethink things. I had thought when Mom
25 was first diagnosed that chemo would only have been

1 recommended if it would do any good. She was very late
2 stages. And my thoughts after the fact were that my mother
3 would have had a much better quality of life had she not gone
4 through any chemo, but then no one would have been profiting
5 off of her for the chemo drugs. So I too am very angry.

6 Q. How has this experience affected you personally?

7 A. Besides being angry, it is very hard to trust
8 professionals, especially medical people, when at some time
9 earlier in my life I felt part of a doctor's treatment if you
10 are ill requires faith and trust. It is the -- I am a faith
11 based person. You need that. And the positive attitude to
12 help yourself get better. And now I question everything. I
13 am sorry. My father he when we discussed coming here today,
14 he could not bring himself to do this. He beats himself up
15 thinking he should have known what was going on. And he just
16 it has weakened him. He is physically healthy. He is a
17 healthy 77-year-old man. But he I don't know if it would be
18 diagnosed as clinical depression. I am not a medical
19 professional, but he there is a piece of him that's missing
20 and hollow and in pain. Whenever I am here, I see it. When
21 we talk on the phone, I hear it.

22 Q. Is there anything that you would like to tell the judge
23 in this case?

24 A. I don't know if this case -- I hope that it has an
25 impact beyond Dr. Moon. I would like for it to be well-known

1 and just to know for other cancer patients to know maybe they
2 need to question rather than just be trustful and faithful.
3 And if any other doctors are out there even considering doing
4 something like this how hurtful and how permanent the damage
5 can be. In this case I believe that the crimes here were out
6 of financial greed and in my impression prison is one thing
7 but a financial fine, a big penalty would be the most
8 effective just because it was greed motivated and she needs
9 to pay. And I think the money should go to a victims program
10 or something. That's just my thought.

11 Q. Thank you very much, ma'am.

12 A. Thank you.

13 THE COURT: Ms. Thompson.

14 MS. THOMPSON: No questions, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Thank you, ma'am.

16 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

17 (Witness excused.)

18 MR. WILLIAMSON: Your Honor, the government calls
19 Shirley Rogers.

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22 SHIRLEY ROGERS

23 was called, and being first duly sworn, was examined and
24 testified as follows:

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DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. WILLIAMSON:

Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Rogers.

A. Hi .

Q. Where are you from?

A. New Bern, North Carolina.

Q. Ms. Rogers, what do you do for a living?

A. I am a social worker and chaplain at a 40-physician internal medicine practice with an oncology center in Pottsville, North Carolina. We have five clinics. I serve all five mostly as an advocate for indigent patients.

Q. How long have you worked there?

A. A year and a half.

Q. Where did you work before you went to the medical office?

A. I worked at I was the associate minister for 1200-member Presbyterian Church, New Bern, North Carolina. I am a ordained presbyterian minister.

Q. Ma'am, at some point did you come into contact with the defendant, Young Moon?

A. Yes, sir, I did.

Q. How did that happen that you came in contact?

A. My father was diagnosed with what the urologist termed garden variety prostate cancer in October of 2000 and had some surgery to reduce the size of his prostate. Then was

1 set up with radiation therapy to begin in January of 2001
2 after he recovered from his surgery.

3 In December, my mother called and said that my
4 father was quite ill and I needed to come home. So I took a
5 six-month leave of absence from my job to come home. I am
6 the only child. My mother and I took care of my father.

7 In January -- in December, he began to have lots
8 of clotting and lots of blood in his urine, and I was
9 extremely concerned that this did not appear to be the norm
10 for the people in the church that I had known who had gone
11 through prostate cancer, and so I began to push his urologist
12 as well as the staff at the hospital to do a chest x-ray
13 because that had never been done and that is standard
14 protocol in a hospital admission.

15 When he in fact received his chest x-ray, it was
16 noticed that he had nodules on his lungs. They did a needle
17 biopsy there at the hospital in Crossville which showed that
18 he had nonsmall cell lung cancer, and his radiologic
19 oncologist immediately referred us to Dr. Moon, who was his
20 wife.

21 Q. That was Dr. Lewis?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Ma'am, what was your father's name?

24 A. Alfred G. Smith.

25 Q. When was it that Dr. Lewis referred your father to Dr.

1 Moon?

2 A. In January of 2001.

3 Q. And what course of treatment did Dr. Moon put your
4 father on?

5 A. She put him on a course of treatment of Taxol and
6 Carboplatin and Procrit shots.

7 Q. Were you present in Crossville when your father was
8 receiving his treatment?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. How would you say -- actually let me withdraw that for a
11 second. Approximately how long was your father under the
12 defendant's care?

13 A. From January of 2001 until May of 2001. He passed away
14 on May 4th.

15 Q. Were you there in the course of witnessing his
16 treatment? How would you say he responded to his treatment?

17 A. Miraculously well. My mother and I were extremely
18 hopeful. My father was extremely hopeful. We typically
19 packed a cooler to take with us on the trip from Bledsoe
20 County to Dr. Moon's office. He ate all the way up there and
21 drank water and juices all the way up there. He typically
22 had a snack while he was there and then would send me out
23 toward the end of his treatment to retrieve whatever he
24 wanted for lunch on the way home, and that was generally
25 either a pizza from Pizza Hut with a vanilla milk shake or a

1 bag of Krystal hamburgers and a vanilla milk shake.

2 Then we would eat dinner when we got home.

3 Q. How about with respect to any hair loss?

4 A. He had no hair loss. You need to understand that my
5 father was very proud of his hair, and so he was terrified of
6 losing his hair. He had no hair loss and in fact grew a very
7 thick beautiful beard while he was on chemotherapy.

8 Q. Ma'am, in the course of your work at the church and then
9 now at the medical office, can you frequently and do you
10 frequently come into contact with patients that are
11 undergoing chemotherapy?

12 A. Every day.

13 Q. More specifically, do you come in contact with patients
14 receiving Taxol?

15 A. Every day.

16 Q. How would you compare your father's side effects --

17 MS. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I am going to object at
18 this point. It is really sounding like medical testimony.

19 MR. WILLIAMSON: She is drawing no conclusions,
20 Your Honor. She is simply comparing what she's seen in
21 different patients receiving the same drugs.

22 THE COURT: As long as she doesn't express an
23 opinion about medical causation, she can testify as to her
24 observations.

25 Q. How would you compare the way your father responded to

1 Taxol to the way that other patients you have seen receiving
2 Taxol responded?

3 A. Most of the patients that I see every day who are taking
4 a course of Taxol and Carboplatin have lost their nails up to
5 their nail beds. They have no hair on their body period.
6 There are often violent reactions with nausea and vomiting
7 and diarrhea as well as abdominal cramping with these drugs.
8 My father experienced none of that.

9 Q. Ma'am, how has your father's death affected your family?

10 A. Well, I made a page of notes because I was afraid that
11 at this point I would lose my composure. My mother and I
12 have both been on medication for clinical depression. Since
13 we found out that in fact there was an investigation
14 regarding the treatment of these patients because if you have
15 ever experienced the death of a loved one particularly from a
16 damnable disease like cancer, it is hard enough to watch them
17 die. You know, by the time my dad died, he was in so much
18 pain that we couldn't change the sheets under him if he
19 urinated on the sheets. It hurt him too bad to be moved. So
20 we just let him stay there for the day that it took for him
21 to die. So you need to understand that.

22 You also need to understand that to then begin to
23 process that kind of death on top of the intentionality that
24 was behind the thought processes that brings a physician to
25 make a determination that the most vulnerable people in our

1 company aren't going to get appropriate treatment was
2 devastating for me. I had spent my entire professional
3 career either in social work or in ministry where I was
4 called to make judgments every day about various kind of
5 extremely difficult situations. I no longer trust my
6 judgment. So I am no longer in the ministry, although I have
7 continued with my ordination. I have not revoked my
8 ordination. I work as an advocate for the working poor who
9 come into our clinic seeking treatment and have no means to
10 pay for it. I find a way for them to pay for their
11 treatment. I question everything that I see going on there.
12 I go to the board of directors if I see one misstep.

13 My daughters don't have a grandfather. We have
14 two adopted children. The adoptions both took place after my
15 father had died. We had hoped that at least we could buy him
16 enough time with the chemo to see his eldest granddaughter
17 who is now five years old. My mother had to sell her home
18 because she is on a fixed income now of her Social Security
19 which is a little over \$900 a month. That doesn't go very
20 far no matter where you live, so she lives with us now.

21 I have taken on supplemental jobs to supplement
22 our income so that we can all live and buy groceries and have
23 what we need and make a reasonable go at this. We buried
24 three of our family members in six months from cancer, so I
25 would hope that the people in this courtroom that can

1 understand the kind of anger and distrust and devastation
2 that we feel when we begin to understand that this did not
3 have to happen.

4 Q. Ma'am, before we finish, is there anything you would
5 like to say to Judge Campbell with respect to the defendant's
6 sentencing?

7 A. I would respectfully ask for maximum sentence. I work
8 in around physicians every day who put their judgments on the
9 line every day. I see people walk away who are cancer free.
10 I see people die from treatments that have not worked. But
11 when medicine is motivated by greed, then I think we're in a
12 real serious state of affairs in this country. And I would
13 ask particularly on behalf of the working poor who often
14 don't get the best treatment anyway who rely on TennCare and
15 Medicaid to pay their bills, I would ask on behalf of them
16 that you deliver a maximum sentence for this very intentional
17 process that has gone on that has cost the lives of people
18 whom we love. I appreciate your listening.

19 THE COURT: Thank you, ma'am. Ms. Thompson.

20 MS. THOMPSON: No questions, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Thank you.

22 (Witness excused.)

23 MS. THOMPSON: Can we approach the bench again?

24 THE COURT: Yes.

25 (A bench conference was held as follows:)

1 MR. SIMMONS: Your Honor, I think it is
2 inappropriate for the prosecution to solicit from these
3 people what their opinion is as to appropriate sentence. We
4 have made our objection to it. I think spontaneous when they
5 ask them if there is anything they'd like to address the
6 Court, you can note our objection, but I think it is
7 inappropriate to ask that question.

8 THE COURT: I agree. He didn't ask that question.
9 He asked is there anything else you want to say, and I think
10 that is appropriate question under Victims Rights Act.

11 MR. SIMMONS: My understanding, notes reflect, is
12 there anything else you'd like to say with respect to
13 sentencing?

14 MR. WILLIAMSON: That's what we're here for.

15 THE COURT: I don't think the question was
16 inappropriate. I certainly don't want him to lead the
17 witnesses as to specific conclusions.

18 MR. SIMMONS: If we could note our continuing
19 objection.

20 THE COURT: It is noted. And I guess the best way
21 I can say this is, you know, I am a big boy. I am grown up.
22 I know how to apply the law and find the facts and know not
23 to be unduly swayed by emotional testimony, and I am going to
24 do what's appropriate.

25 MR. WILLIAMSON: I would -- we only have one more.

1 MS. THOMPSON: Just want to make sure wouldn't be
2 cumulative.

3 MR. WILLIAMSON: Just one more.

4 MR. SIMMONS: Thank you.

5 THE COURT: You are welcome.

6 (Bench conference concluded.)

7 MR. WILLIAMSON: Your Honor, government calls
8 Linda Simpson Statham.

9 LINDA STATHAM

10 was called, and being first duly sworn, was examined and
11 testified as follows:

12 DIRECT EXAMINATION

13 BY MR. WILLIAMSON:

14 Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Statham. Ma'am, where do you live?

15 A. I live in Alpharetta, Georgia, suburb of Atlanta.

16 Q. Ma'am, how did you first learn of the defendant, Dr.
17 Moon?

18 A. My brother, Jack Byron Simpson, was a patient of Moon's.
19 Jack was diagnosed with colon cancer in July of 2001. He
20 immediately had surgery in Crossville, the Cumberland Medical
21 center.

22 Dr. Ivey, his doctor who did the surgery, I met
23 with right after the surgery, immediately after. And Dr.
24 Ivey said, Well, Jack has a good prognosis. He said, The
25 cancer has not gone to any other organs. I would suggest

1 though that he contact Moon for a treatment of the cancer.

2 Q. What in fact did your brother do?

3 A. Pardon me?

4 Q. What did he do in response to that advice?

5 A. Oh, yes, he did start chemotherapy with Moon. I refuse
6 to call her a doctor. Moon.

7 Q. And when approximately did your brother begin treatment
8 with the defendant?

9 A. August 2001.

10 Q. Ma'am, do you at your house in Alpharetta have your
11 brother's medical records?

12 A. Yes, I do.

13 Q. In preparation for this case, did you review his medical
14 records?

15 A. I have reviewed his medical records.

16 Q. And what was the primary chemotherapy drug that your
17 brother received?

18 A. Jack received Camptosar. He received Leucovorin and
19 Procrit.

20 Q. Did he also to your knowledge receive a drug called 5FU?

21 A. Yes, he did. Yes.

22 Q. In the course of your review of his records, is it
23 accurate to state that there were two separate -- actually
24 let me withdraw that for a second. How long approximately
25 was your brother under the defendant's care?

1 A. Approximately eight months.

2 Q. During the course of his treatment with the defendant,
3 is it fair to say there were two separate occasions when
4 he received his treatment of Camptosar, 5FU and Leucovorin
5 for seven straight weeks without a break?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. Did you have occasion during your brother's treatment to
8 observe the way he responded to these drugs?

9 A. Yes, I did. And if I wasn't here with Jack for or after
10 the treatments, Jack and I talked on the phone. We were very
11 close. We talked on the phone. I would be the one he would
12 confide with the most. And he would after each treatment he
13 would tell me how he felt.

14 Q. How would you characterize the way that your brother
15 responded to the treatment?

16 A. Well, it was so surprising because Jack was a very
17 slight person. I would like to show a picture of Jack. May
18 I?

19 Q. You may.

20 A. This is my brother, Jack Simpson.

21 Q. Is that an accurate picture of your brother?

22 A. Yes. He was very small. He only weighed 135 pounds
23 when he was well. And when he was taking the treatments, he
24 didn't get very sick. He did not lose his hair. He was not
25 very nauseous. I mean some, but not like I had been around

1 other patients. My husband's mother had suffered from
2 cancer, and I had been with her. I knew how patients
3 generally react to treatment. Jack wasn't very nauseous, and
4 I remember thinking, my, this Moon lady must be doing a good
5 job that Jack is not getting very sick from his treatments,
6 so at the time I was so pleased. It never, ever entered my
7 mind that he might not be getting his full treatment. I feel
8 very guilty that I didn't question that.

9 Q. Ma'am, you mentioned that your brother left the
10 defendant's treatment after a matter of months. Why was it
11 that he left her treatment?

12 A. Jack expressed to me several times that he was having
13 difficulty communicating with Moon not because of a language
14 barrier but because he when he would have concerns -- and I let
15 me say that Jack was not one who would ask for extra
16 attention or demand a lot of extra attention. But he
17 naturally had some concerns, and in particular I remember he
18 got a report back that the cancer had spread, that it was in
19 his liver and the cells had gotten larger. He was very upset
20 about that. And he called Moon. Jack told me that Moon
21 said, Well, we -- come back. Come back in two weeks, and
22 we'll talk about it.

23 Q. And is that approximately at that point that he left her
24 care and chose another oncologist?

25 A. It was shortly thereafter I believe, yes.

1 Q. Ma'am, what effect has your brother's death had on your
2 family?

3 A. Oh, my goodness, tremendous effect. Jack was not
4 married so of course had no children. He was very close to
5 my children. Uncle Jack. Jack was a very kind man. He was
6 generous. He didn't have much money, but he was very
7 generous. At the time, our mother was in a nursing home in
8 Crossville. Jack went every single day and visited our
9 mother. Jack had a very winsome way about him. He was, as I
10 said, he was small. He just kind of hopped when he walked.
11 He was a very happy person. He had a wonderful will to live.
12 Every day he'd pick up my mother's laundry, take it home,
13 wash it, bring it back. The nursing home always had beauty
14 contests or just different contests. Jack made sure that our
15 mother had a new dress for every contest. Every holiday,
16 Easter, didn't matter what it was, Mom had a corsage that
17 Jack brought for her. He was just a wonderful son. And he
18 is a great loss. He made everybody in that nursing home
19 happy, not just my mother. Everybody knew Jack because he
20 was such a joy to be around, so not having Jack in our family
21 is a tremendous loss to us. He was a very loved person.

22 Q. Is there anything about the specific circumstances of
23 your brother's death and his having been in the defendant's
24 care that has altered the way you and your family have dealt
25 with his loss?

1 A. Well, of course when you find out that very possibly
2 treatment was diluted, that he didn't receive the correct
3 dosage of treatment and that he more than likely died from
4 that lack of the proper care, it causes one to question.
5 Anger, yes. I would say disappointment is very heavy in my
6 heart. I already mentioned I have a lot of guilt that I
7 question why wasn't any of this caught, so. . .

8 Q. Before we finish here, again would you like to to
9 address the Court with respect to the hearing today?

10 A. Yes, I would. Thank you, Judge Campbell, first of all
11 for listening to all of the testimony during all the trial.
12 I want to thank the TBI individuals, all of the federal
13 individuals who worked on this case. I thank you so much for
14 bringing this forth and bringing this to the public's eye
15 because it should not go on. You know, our loss of Jack is
16 one thing, but if this type of thing continues, the hundreds
17 of families that might be affected, it would be devastating.

18 Do you mind if I just read one little paragraph
19 that I wrote concerning this loss? I said, When one loses a
20 family member or a friend through a natural death or even a
21 dreaded accident, it is always difficult to accept. Even
22 though those of us who are Christians know we will see that
23 person again, and thank goodness for that. However, to lose
24 someone dear through the purposeful intentions such as were
25 demonstrated by Moon makes it much more difficult to accept.

1 Jack died, I feel, because he was murdered. It is a terrible
2 thing. It is a terrible thing to even accuse somebody of
3 that. I feel strongly about that. He wasn't shot. He
4 wasn't stabbed. He was denied the opportunity to live a full
5 life due to Moon's greedy ways. If a doctor makes an honest
6 mistake and mistreats a patient, that's one thing. I can
7 understand that, an honest mistake, but to purposely,
8 purposely deny somebody the treatment that that person
9 deserves is unacceptable. It never should have happened.

10 I would ask that you consider Jack and all of the
11 other patients and their families who were so affected by
12 this selfish, greedy person. She is a disgrace to the
13 medical profession. She is a disgrace to humanity. She
14 deserves the same mercy that she gave the people she gave
15 treatment to.

16 Jack and others did not deserve to die. My
17 brother, Jack, had the most wonderful outlook. Anybody who
18 knew Jack always commented on the fact that Jack had this
19 huge will to live, and he did. I am going to fight this. I
20 am going to beat this. Don't you worry. No, Linda.

21 And he did. He thought that he did. And I
22 thought he would make it too. And I think -- I know with the
23 right treatment he would have made it. And I think that my
24 message would be he didn't deserve this. He was kind. He
25 was a wonderful man. He never, ever that I know of ever hurt

1 anybody.

2 He was 54 when he died. That's not very old. He
3 didn't deserve to die. And I would ask, please, Judge
4 Campbell, think about all of these people. Think about Jack.
5 I brought this picture in particular because Jack told our
6 neighbor that this was always his favorite picture, and I
7 appreciated that because I was very close to my brother.

8 Q. Thank you, ma'am.

9 A. Thank you.

10 THE COURT: Ms. Thompson, any questions?

11 MS. THOMPSON: No, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Thank you, ma'am. Appreciate you
13 coming.

14 (Witness excused.)

15 THE COURT: Mr. Williamson, any further proof on
16 behalf of the government?

17 MR. WILLIAMSON: That's all the proof from the
18 government.

19 THE COURT: Ms. Thompson, would you like to
20 introduce any proof?

21 MS. THOMPSON: Yes, Your Honor I'd like to recall
22 the woman from the TBI.

23 THE COURT: All right. I guess that's Ms.
24 Matheny.

25

1 SHARON MATHENY
2 was recalled, and having been previously sworn and remaining
3 under oath, was examined and testified as follows:

4 THE COURT: You can be seated in the witness
5 chair. You are still under oath.

6 DIRECT EXAMINATION

7 BY MS. THOMPSON:

8 Q. I am not a math person, but I wanted to ask you about
9 these numbers. You said that it did not matter what the
10 individual dose was charged as to what the total loss would
11 have been; is that correct? Was that your testimony?

12 A. Which exhibit? And may I have it back before me?

13 Q. Yes. I am looking at Exhibit 1.

14 A. Would you reask the question.

15 Q. What you said was let's take first the line here, the
16 Medicare line was \$1,148,262.02. That's multiplied by a
17 fraud rate of 48.939; is that correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. But if the amount that you paid per dose or the
20 amount that you billed per dose changed over time and the
21 fraud rate is not consistent, then the amount of loss could
22 be manipulated?

23 A. The fraud rate is determined at the end of the
24 indictment period using the total of each individual billing
25 per patient, so a patient may have had 50 bills, a hundred

1 bills. They are billed at whatever she billed at that time.
2 I am not -- I have no way of determining how she, Dr. Moon,
3 determined what to bill. All I know is I have a schedule of
4 billing individual bills per patient that is what this
5 spreadsheet summary is based on.

6 Q. Okay. Let me give you an example. Work with me on this
7 if you would, please, and help me understand if the loss can
8 be manipulated. Let's say in one year you bill for five
9 doses of medication. You actually gave five doses of
10 medication. And that medication costs one dollar per dose.
11 That would be a total amount billed of five dollars. Five
12 billed, one dollar per dose total amount billed at five
13 dollars.

14 If the next year the price increases
15 substantially, billed for five doses, it was a hundred
16 dollars per dose, you gave zero doses, you would have billed
17 for five hundred dollars. Five doses times a hundred dollars
18 equals five hundred dollars. Total if you summed that up you
19 would have billed for ten doses. It would be a 50 percent
20 fraud because the first year you got your five doses, the
21 second year you got zero doses, so you only gave five doses
22 out of ten billed. That's 50 percent fraud, and the total
23 cost would be \$505 that you billed for.

24 If you multiply \$505 by 50 percent, you would get
25 a total fraud rate of \$252.50.

1 A. I have no idea. I don't have a calculator up here or a
2 piece of paper to do it with.

3 Q. Can we get you a piece of paper, or can I get you a
4 calculator?

5 A. Both would be nice.

6 Q. So my problem that I --

7 A. Hold on one second. I am setting up a spreadsheet. So
8 you said year one you had five doses at a dollar a dose,
9 total billing five dollars.

10 Q. And you --

11 A. That was actually given to the patient?

12 Q. Yes.

13 A. Year two you have five doses at a hundred dollars per
14 dose. None of that was given.

15 Q. Right.

16 A. In my calculations if you have that then your fraud rate
17 would be 99.1 percent based on total bills.

18 Q. Based on total bills. How do you get 99.1 percent?

19 A. You said you had five doses at one dollar a dose. Do
20 you want me to write it up here?

21 Q. Sure.

22 A. May I step down?

23 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am. Just be careful.

24 THE WITNESS: So year one you had five doses at a
25 dollar a dose. That is the total of \$5. And then year two

1 you had five doses at a hundred dollars a dose. That's \$500.
2 So your total for both years is \$505.

3 Your \$5 from year one is okay, but your \$500 from
4 year two is fraud. So then you divide your total fraud which
5 is \$500 times your total billed, which is \$505, so your fraud
6 rate would be .990099 which is 99.1 percent.

7 BY MS. THOMPSON:

8 Q. Okay. So that is not how you did the problem though in
9 the case?

10 A. Because it is a different scenario.

11 Q. Right.

12 A. The way I did this problem is I took a fraud percentage
13 rate from the trial.

14 Q. So what's the fraud percentage rate? Let's say you
15 didn't -- the fraud percentage rate could be manipulated
16 here?

17 A. No.

18 Q. You could say it is a 50 percent fraud?

19 A. No, ma'am, it is a hundred -- it is a 99.1 percent fraud
20 because you are not doing it on doses. It is not based on
21 doses. If so, then this would be this first column would be
22 number of doses during indictment period.

23 Q. Right.

24 A. And it is not that. It is the total amount billed so it
25 is a different whole different. It is apples and oranges.

1 Q. So how do you get the fraud? You said that came from
2 the trial. I want to know where that number 48 percent came
3 from.

4 A. Hold on. Let me get my stuff out.

5 THE WITNESS: May I step up also.

6 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am. Just be careful stepping
7 up, ma'am.

8 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

9 Bob Turner prepared a schedule or what I would
10 call a spreadsheet for the trial for Taxol, Onxol for the
11 indictment period.

12 BY MS. THOMPSON:

13 Q. Yes.

14 A. It is Exhibit 1.3, U.S. 5950. And he also prepared the
15 Exhibit 1.0.

16 If you take and we want -- excuse me, during the
17 trial it was brought out that we wanted to show the -- give
18 her the benefit for the overfill in the vials so we
19 calculated the fraud percentage rate taking into
20 consideration the overfill. So the total drugs purchased for
21 Onxol -- I am sorry, this is a little bit unwieldy. Okay.

22 The drugs purchased, including the overfill, was
23 obtained off of U.S. 5978.

24 THE WITNESS: May I use your --

25 THE COURT: Go right ahead.

1 THE WITNESS: And that is Exhibit 1.6 on the
2 Taxol. It is the invoice purchases overfill table.

3 So we had all of her invoices, all of Dr. Moon's
4 invoices from her office, and then we also in trial it was
5 brought out that we double checked that with the invoices
6 from the individual drug companies. And the total amount
7 including the overfill was determined to be 54,217 in
8 milligrams. And the drugs administered which is off of
9 Exhibit 1.3 dosage charted for the indictment period, the
10 total dosage amount charted was 106,181,000. I do not
11 remember if this is in millions or thousands, but anyway, one
12 way or the other. When you take the difference between the
13 total amount purchased plus the total amount of drugs
14 purportedly administered, the difference is 51,964.

15 When you take the difference and divide it by the
16 total administered, you get a fraud percentage rate of 48.939
17 percent.

18 BY MS. THOMPSON:

19 Q. Okay. So what you are saying instead of worrying about
20 milligrams or whatever, we're just saying units, okay. So
21 what you did was over the whole all of the years involved --

22 A. Indictment period.

23 Q. Indictment period you did a summary, okay. And from
24 that summary, you say your top number is going to be the
25 amount that she bought?

1 A. Total amount purchased, yes.

2 Q. Total amount purchased from the drug companies, and
3 that's the 106 number?

4 A. No, total purchases 54,217.

5 Q. Fifty-four. And the total amount that she billed for
6 over all of the time periods is that 106,181?

7 A. It is the total dosage amount charted on Bob Turner's
8 schedule.

9 Q. So you took the amount that she actually purchased, you
10 put it over the amount that she billed for, and you got a
11 percentage, a fraud percentage, right?

12 A. No, I took the total amount purchased, subtracted --
13 well, the total drugs administered, subtracted from what she
14 purchased. This is the amount that was said to be
15 administered that was not in the inventory.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. That is the difference. And I put that over the total
18 administered to get -- Bob Turner put it over, and I verified
19 it. That's all I did was verify.

20 Q. Taking the same scenario, let's go back to my scenario
21 that we just did where we come up with what my fraud is. If
22 we are -- if according to my scenario I gave you before the
23 total amount purchased is -- let me just review for the
24 record. I said that the first year I billed for five, I
25 actually administered five, and the price was a dollar unit.

1 The second year I billed for five, I administered zero, and
2 the price was a hundred dollars per unit. So my total then
3 would be I billed for ten, I actually purchased and
4 administered five.

5 A. That's not comparable to that.

6 Q. It is.

7 A. No, ma'am, it is not.

8 Q. Why?

9 A. Because billed and administered is different than
10 purchased and administered.

11 Q. Then let me change my scenario. Let me say I purchased
12 and administered. The first year I purchased and
13 administered five. The second year I purchased and
14 administered zero but billed for five. So I have a total of
15 billed for ten but in actual purchase and administered of
16 only five.

17 A. That's not comparable to this because the 48.939 percent
18 was determined during trial based on the total amount
19 purchased for the period. Hold on. Excuse me, I made a
20 mistake. The percentage rate was based on --

21 Q. It is that formula you just wrote up there.

22 A. I know, please. I just need a second. We're changing
23 between apples and oranges, and I have got to get it straight
24 before I make a statement.

25 Okay. Purchased you are saying you administered

1 five.

2 Q. I am saying I administered five.

3 A. You say you purchased and administered five on year
4 one?

5 Q. Right. I purchased and --

6 A. And administered five doses on year one. You purchased
7 and administered zero doses on year two. You billed for ten
8 doses.

9 Q. Yes. But I want you to use the totals. I don't want
10 you to use year by year. I want you to use the totals.

11 A. So your percentage rate based on purchases and
12 administered dosage, not bills doses, total doses.

13 Q. For the year I mean for the two years, I want you to
14 come up with a two-year summary.

15 A. For doses or bills?

16 Q. I want you to do it just like you did up here. That top
17 number, you said that's the purchase and administered.

18 Explain to me --

19 A. No, I said that was drugs purportedly administered from
20 her chart.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. I don't know what was actually administered because I
23 wasn't there. That's drugs purportedly administered from her
24 chart.

25 Q. Okay.

- 1 A. And that was determined in trial.
- 2 Q. Then let me set up my scenario. Let's say there's been
3 a trial. At trial I was found guilty of purportedly
4 administering in the first year five doses, and I actually
5 purchased five doses. The second year I purportedly
6 administered five doses. I purchased zero doses. What is my
7 fraud percentage rate for two years total?
- 8 A. Okay. Fifty percent.
- 9 Q. Fifty percent. Okay.
- 10 A. Based on doses.
- 11 Q. Based on doses. If I take that 50 percent right like
12 you did here, I multiply that by the total amount of money I
13 received.
- 14 A. That was what was done in trial based on the money that
15 was --
- 16 Q. Okay. So if I received a total amount of money of
17 \$505 --
- 18 A. That's what you actually were paid.
- 19 Q. Right.
- 20 A. \$505.
- 21 Q. I was actually paid \$505 total.
- 22 A. Okay.
- 23 Q. How much of that is loss? How much of that is fraud?
- 24 A. \$252.50.
- 25 Q. Okay. But we know in actuality that first year the

1 doses I bought and actually gave I only paid a dollar each
2 for them, and so I only paid five dollars.

3 A. I didn't do calculation.

4 Q. This is part of the scenario.

5 A. I verified his spreadsheet figures.

6 Q. I am asking you as part of the scenario, please work
7 with me, if the first year I billed for five doses, I
8 actually administered five doses and they were a dollar a
9 dose, total amount then is five dollars. And that five
10 dollars was actually given to the patient. If the second
11 year was when all my fraud was committed, if all fraud
12 occurred in the second year when the price went way up to a
13 hundred dollars per dose, \$500 of that total amount is fraud;
14 is that correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. So it is very important how much you paid per dose and
17 when it was purchased.

18 A. I have no idea.

19 Q. In my scenario I listed, you said it was \$252.50 of
20 fraud, but that's an estimation and that's not an exact
21 amount.

22 A. You would have to -- to get an exact amount, you'd have
23 to be in the office, know what was exactly given, know what
24 was exactly purchased, know what was exactly paid at what
25 date, which patient, which billing. And you would have to

1 determine individual line items how much fraud. If you knew,
2 if you were a mind reader and you knew how much was actually
3 given to that one patient on January 1st of 2000, what was
4 actually paid to her on for that billing, what she billed,
5 what she was paid, you'd have to do it for each patient for
6 each individual day to get an actual fraud loss. And you
7 would have to be in the office and know what was actually
8 given and what was actually purchased, and I don't know that
9 because I wasn't in the office. All I did in this case was
10 take Bob Turner's spreadsheets, verify his figures using the
11 spreadsheets that were already opined upon in the court case
12 and determined to be correct and determined to be accurate
13 and brought those figures forward to determine that his
14 summary sheets are correct, and that is my opinion. They are
15 correct.

16 Q. I can manipulate these numbers in another way. If I say
17 in the first year I billed for five doses, I got zero doses,
18 a dollar a dose, that's five dollars worth of fraud.

19 A. What do you mean you got zero doses?

20 Q. Administered. In actuality gave patients zero doses.
21 If in the first year I billed for five doses.

22 A. You can do anything with these two years, but --

23 Q. But I could make the fraud be either five dollars worth
24 of fraud or \$500 worth of fraud, depending on how I
25 manipulate these numbers?

1 A. In this instance, yes, but when we determined that a
2 percentage is accurate from the trial, we know that the fraud
3 rate determined by the trial is 48.939 percent, I can
4 legitimately take that forward or Bob Turner can. He did the
5 spreadsheets.

6 Q. But that's an average?

7 A. And I can determine.

8 Q. Would you agree with me?

9 A. It is a percentage.

10 Q. It is a percentage and an average; it is not an actual
11 loss?

12 A. It is not an average. Nobody knows what the actual loss
13 is. I don't know because I wasn't at the office.

14 Q. Would you agree with me that depending on what you are
15 reimbursed and what you bill for Medicaid, TennCare and Blue
16 Cross Blue Shield that the numbers would change also? I mean
17 I could manipulate this loss formula here by changing the
18 different percentage rates depending on what --

19 A. No.

20 Q. Are you saying no?

21 A. I am saying no, because I am saying --

22 Q. Should we go through this?

23 A. Hold on. Let me finish my statement if I can. What I
24 say no to is if you determine -- if you change Exhibit 1,
25 page one, from this that I have in front of me, if you change

1 Medicare to two million something and apply our fraud
2 percentage to it, yes, you are going to get a larger amount
3 of intended loss. Yes. That I will agree to.

4 But I will not agree that the fraud percentage is
5 not correct because based on the spreadsheets from the trial,
6 that is a correct figure determined by the difference from
7 what she purportedly administered and what we know she
8 actually purchased from the drug companies from their records
9 and her records also.

10 Q. You cannot use fraud percentage to determine the actual
11 loss?

12 A. We're not determining the actual loss here. We're
13 determining the intended fraud loss based on what the actual
14 fraud percent was.

15 Q. You can't determine the intended loss?

16 A. Excuse me, may I --

17 MR. WILLIAMSON: Could she let the witness finish
18 her sentence?

19 THE COURT: You can finish your statement.

20 THE WITNESS: May I start over?

21 THE COURT: Yes.

22 THE WITNESS: This is not trying to determine the
23 actual fraud loss because I can't determine that because I
24 wasn't in that office giving the medication, so I don't know
25 what was actually given to who. The drugs that were

1 purportedly given that she charted, Dr. Moon charted, less
2 the drugs that were purchased from the drug company which we
3 got her invoices -- excuse me, Bob Turner got her invoices
4 and Andy Corbitt. Plus they also obtained the same invoices
5 from the individual drug companies. That is how he
6 determined the percentage rate.

7 This has nothing to do with actual fraud. This
8 is, as the summary shows, it is intended fraud. It is
9 purported -- it is taking the fraud percentage that was
10 determined in the trial, multiplying it by what was actually
11 the total that was actually billed from what we have from the
12 companies, and that is the amount of the intended fraud loss.
13 This is not coming up with an actual fraud loss because I
14 can't determine that. I wasn't there.

15 MS. THOMPSON: Your Honor, may I have a minute?

16 THE COURT: Yes.

17 BY MS. THOMPSON:

18 Q. Let me ask you another question. Do you know anything
19 at all about insurance and the fact that doctors have a
20 certain amount of write-offs that they get when they have
21 contracts with insurance companies?

22 A. Are you when you say write-offs, are you saying now I am
23 speaking from my private insurance with Blue Cross Blue
24 Shield, I know that when my doctor in Murfreesboro bills Blue
25 Cross Blue Shield for an \$80 doctor visit, he has I guess

1 negotiated a contract that he says he will accept \$20, and so
2 he has an adjustment of some kind that shows on my EOB, my
3 Explanation of Benefits. It will show \$80 visit with the
4 doctor. It will show an adjustment. It says adjustment and
5 then a --

6 Q. Network savings?

7 A. Of \$60. And then it will show the doctor's visit is \$20
8 and that's what he has accepted for this visit of let's say a
9 99201, which is a short visit. And then my insurance company
10 pays 80 percent, which is \$16, and then four dollars I will
11 send them. That's all I know because I don't work for an
12 insurance company. I work for Tennessee Bureau of
13 Investigation. I have never worked for one, and that's not a
14 part of my job. I am an auditor, not an insurance agent.

15 Q. So you didn't take into account here any information
16 about what would have been the -- you just took the original
17 billed amount, correct?

18 A. Bob Turner prepared these, so he took the original
19 billed amount.

20 Q. You didn't know what the discount would have been as --

21 A. Then he took the next column over is the dollars paid,
22 and, no, I don't -- I have no idea if he knows, but the
23 spreadsheet doesn't take the adjustments because that
24 wouldn't really affect the computations because -- I am
25 sorry.

1 MS. THOMPSON: Thank you, Your Honor.

2 CROSS-EXAMINATION

3 BY MR. WILLIAMSON:

4 Q. Ms. Matheny, how are you?

5 A. Just fine, thank you.

6 Q. The calculations Special Agent Turner did was you looked
7 at how much Dr. Moon had purchased of these drugs and how
8 much she claimed she had given patients of these drugs,
9 right?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. And then he divided, used those numbers to figure out
12 exactly how what percentage of those drugs that she claimed
13 she had given she had actually given, right?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. And then he multiplied that number by the amount that
16 she asked insurance companies, including Medicare and
17 TennCare, to reimburse her for the drugs that she claimed she
18 had given to patients but hadn't actually given patients,
19 right?

20 A. The total amount billed, yes, sir.

21 Q. Total amount billed over this two-and-a-half-year period
22 for Taxol and Camptosar, correct?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. Do you have in front of you there how much the
25 reimbursements decreased over that period?

1 A. No, sir.

2 Q. Ms. Thompson's example she increased the payment
3 schedule one hundred times over one-year period. Have you
4 ever encountered an increased payment of a hundred times over
5 a period?

6 A. No. I was looking at this previously, and I had said,
7 you know, the one patient was billed at \$2400 for six units,
8 and then they got seven units for \$2800 so, no, I don't see
9 any hundred percent variation.

10 Q. Sometimes there are small increases year to year in how
11 much insurance companies pay for certain services, right,
12 small increases?

13 A. I am sure there are, yes. From the looks of this
14 schedule, yes.

15 Q. Okay. Now, the total loss number or total intended loss
16 number that Special Agent Turner calculated and you verified
17 is 1.295 million dollars, right?

18 A. Hold on. Let me look. I am sorry. It is \$1,295,653 of
19 intended fraud loss.

20 Q. Okay. Assume for a moment that an important figure in
21 calculating the defendant's sentence is whether the loss was
22 more than one million dollars or the intended loss was more
23 than one million dollars. Is there any reason you can think
24 of --

25 MS. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I am not sure what kind

1 of opinion she is going to be qualified to give on this
2 matter. She's already said that she didn't know what the
3 amounts were.

4 THE COURT: Ask your question, and then we'll
5 argue about it.

6 BY MR. WILLIAMSON:

7 Q. Is there any reason you can think of, Ms. Matheny, why
8 that 1.295 million dollar loss number would be off by 30
9 percent such that the actual intended loss would be under one
10 million dollars?

11 MS. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I object.

12 THE COURT: Overruled. Go ahead.

13 THE WITNESS: May I do something on a
14 calculator?

15 BY MR. WILLIAMSON:

16 Q. Have at it.

17 A. No.

18 Q. Okay.

19 MR. WILLIAMSON: Thank you, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Anything else from this witness?

21 MS. THOMPSON: No, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Thank you, ma'am.

23 (Witness excused.)

24 THE COURT: Ms. Thompson, would you like to call
25 another witness?

1 MS. THOMPSON: No other witnesses, Your Honor.
2 Thank you.

3 THE COURT: All right. Does the government want
4 to summarize its position about the objections? I need to
5 rule on those and then set the advisory guideline range.

6 MS. McINTYRE: Yes, please. Thank you, sir. Of
7 course the base offense level in this case is six under
8 2B1.1. The first enhancement is for a loss over one million
9 dollars, which adds 16 points pursuant to 2B1.1(b)(1)(i). We
10 think that the evidence from Ms. Matheny and the exhibits
11 introduced in this case clearly show that there is an
12 intended loss of over one million dollars. And in this case
13 the billed amount is synonymous with intended loss; hence,
14 that is the figure that counts for that enhancement.

15 Next, the next enhancement is that the offense
16 involved ten or more victims pursuant to 2B1.1(b)(2)(A).
17 That adds two points. The definition of victims for purposes
18 of that particular enhancement includes people who either had
19 actual bodily injury or had economic injury. In this case,
20 the United States is contending that people who had, or,
21 excuse me, the entities which had economic injury, economic
22 loss are the ten or more victims under that particular
23 section.

24 And again Ms. Matheny testified and the exhibits
25 verified that there were 15 private other insurance company

1 victims. And of course we also know from the trial that
2 there was Medicare, TennCare and private Blue Cross Blue
3 Shield. That means that there were 18 different entities
4 that suffered from economic loss, and that enhancement should
5 apply.

6 The next enhancement is for sophisticated means
7 under 2B1.1(b)(9)(C), and that adds two points. The reason
8 why this applies is because the defendant used her skills as
9 a doctor to convince her nurses to carry out her instructions
10 for Procrit and also to allow her to mix chemotherapy herself
11 in order to hide her diluting of those chemotherapy drugs.
12 That is a very sophisticated method of carrying out the
13 healthcare fraud scheme, and that was why that enhancement
14 should apply.

15 The next enhancement is for the risk of death or
16 serious bodily injury under 2B1.1(b)(12)(A), and that adds
17 two points. The testimony of Dr. Rothenberg clearly showed
18 that there is a risk of death when you give cancer patients
19 less medicine than either your treatment plan calls for or
20 you have told the patient that they are going to be getting.
21 Moreover, we would simply add that under any common sense
22 analysis, whether we have an expert testifying about it or
23 not, that when one gives a cancer patient less chemotherapy
24 drugs, which is of course a life-preserving treatment, then
25 there is necessarily a conscious and reckless risk of

1 injuring that person. That is a very serious thing, and that
2 is exactly what this particular enhancement should be applied
3 to.

4 Next, the defendant should get the enhancement for
5 having known that a victim was a vulnerable victim. That's
6 under 3A1.1(b)(1), and that adds two points. There has been
7 a lot of talk by the defense counsel about what victims are,
8 and of course victim has a different definition for each of
9 these enhancements. For this particular enhancement, the
10 definition of a victim is one who is unusually vulnerable due
11 to age, mental or physical condition. And of course I think
12 there could be hardly any clearer example of vulnerable
13 victim than someone who was a cancer patient and is showing
14 up for life-saving treatment from her doctor. That kind of
15 patient is clearly incredibly vulnerable in every sense of
16 the word. She certainly here she certainly would be
17 physically vulnerable, and of course many of these patients
18 were elderly as well, making them vulnerable due to their
19 age.

20 The next enhancement is that there is a large
21 number of vulnerable victims under 3A 1.1(b)(2).

22 Now, we also presented evidence through Ms.
23 Matheny about the number of vulnerable victims in this case.
24 We recognize that it is impossible for us to say exactly who
25 got how much Taxol or Camptosar aside from the specific

1 evidence presented through Dr. Rothenberg and the testimony
2 regarding Sheila Taylor and Billy Jones because there was
3 specific testimony at trial about those folks. But it is
4 clear through the aggregate testimony shown at trial and
5 through the jury's verdict that the defendant only gave about
6 half as much Taxol as she billed for and only about
7 two-thirds as much Camptosar as she billed for. It is a fair
8 inference to look at the field of Taxol and Camptosar
9 patients as a whole and to say that they are all victims of
10 the defendant's conduct because there is no way for them to
11 individually know who got what. And, therefore, having seen
12 both the letters and the testimony that you have seen from
13 patients and their family members, these people necessarily
14 never will know for a fact how much of that medicine they
15 got, and they will always feel approximate injury from the
16 defendant's conduct, an uncertainty.

17 Now, in order to get a more precise calculation in
18 the event the Court wishes to consider that the United States
19 still applied what we thought was the most -- was a rubric
20 that gave the defendant the highest possible benefit of the
21 doubt in the event that the Court doesn't wish to consider
22 every single Taxol and Camptosar patient a victim. Now, that
23 is the testimony that you heard from Ms. Matheny. Even if
24 you give the defendant the benefit of the doubt and assume
25 that the patients who Dr. Rothenberg thought got partial

1 doses actually got zilch, got no doses whatsoever of those
2 chemotherapy drugs and you assume the same thing about Sheila
3 Taylor and Billy Jones and then you look at the people who
4 got the highest doses and assume that they got none, then you
5 still end up with 75 victims in this case. That would of
6 course include based on the trial testimony that Procrit
7 patient always got partial doses, evidence that the Procrit
8 patients were all victims, and of course there were 69 of
9 those.

10 Ms. Matheny meticulously went through and
11 established that we did not double count Procrit, Taxol or
12 Camptosar patients in any of that compilation in which we
13 come up with 75 victims. I think the law is clear that 75
14 victims constitutes a large number of vulnerable victims.
15 And that enhancement should certainly apply.

16 Next, we would note that the abuse of position of
17 trust or special skill enhancement also applies. And that is
18 under 3D1.3, and she receives two additional points for that.

19 In this case, the defendant had a special trust, a
20 special skill and also a position of trust in that she was a
21 doctor. She also had managerial discretion because she
22 operated a solo practice in which she was not questioned
23 really in essence by her employees. She abused both her
24 position of trust, her special skill -- I guess it was three
25 things -- and her managerial discretion by using them to

1 commit healthcare fraud and to further perpetrate her scheme.

2 Finally, the last enhancement is for obstruction
3 of justice under 3C.1. Now, that enhancement applies because
4 for two years. The defendant committed perjury at trial.
5 She did this in three ways. She stated, and we can produce
6 the transcript if there is any uncertainty about this, but
7 she testified when she took the stand that she never
8 intentionally billed chemotherapy drugs in amounts not
9 administered to patients.

10 Furthermore, she said that she never told a nurse
11 to chart ahead the amounts of medicines that were
12 administered before those amounts were actually given.

13 And then finally under this prong she said that on
14 January 9th of 2002 when the agent came and interviewed her
15 that she truthfully answered their questions. Now, there was
16 ample evidence at the trial showing that all three of those
17 points were false, and of course they were materially false.
18 They were all significant points about the fraud that she
19 lied about.

20 The second way in which she committed obstruction
21 of justice is by giving the material false statements and to
22 the law enforcement agents during that interview as reflected
23 in her conviction for Section 1001.

24 We would only note in addition to that
25 computation, which adds up to 36 leaving her with a range of

1 188 to 235 months, that there was an issue about whether a
2 fine should apply in this case. The United States certainly
3 believes that a fine within the guideline range is
4 appropriate here. Not only has there been testimony about
5 the defendant's greed, but in the probation report I think it
6 is quite clear that the defendant has ample resources to pay
7 a fine and that in this case there is absolutely no reason to
8 depart from that guidelines recommendation by not giving her
9 a fine.

10 We thank you for considering these points.

11 THE COURT: Ms. Thompson.

12 MS. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I would first address
13 the amount of loss. I am going to go by my presentence
14 report here.

15 THE COURT: Okay.

16 MS. THOMPSON: I would first address the fact that
17 the victim impact I still would argue that there are only
18 three victims in this case and that there were three
19 healthcare providers that were listed on the indictment. And
20 I do object to any other people being listed as victims. I
21 think in this matter these things happened from up until
22 January of 2002, and at that time, Your Honor, the law was
23 still that was in effect was Apprendi, and I would state as
24 being preBooker. We could when this happened if there is an
25 ex post facto argument in this matter that the sentencing

1 cannot be now changed or altered by Booker in allowing
2 enhancements that are not specific to the indictment, and so
3 I would argue that in this case there are only three
4 healthcare providers. There are only three victims and that
5 the other healthcare providers, these 15 others that they
6 listed that were not in the indictment cannot be used for
7 enhancement purposes, and I would certainly say that there's
8 not been proof to those. I would also say that in this
9 matter I mean we've heard some very emotional testimony. I
10 can certainly understand people being emotional. I myself
11 lost my mother to cancer. But none of these people provided
12 any information that the loved ones that they lost were in
13 fact due to any type of dosage or medication that Dr. Moon
14 did or did not give to them. Certainly the woman with the
15 ovarian cancer had cancer third stage ovarian cancer. The
16 other person had lung cancer. I think those are all very
17 serious matters, so we haven't heard any specific information
18 here today that would list them as a victim and that there is
19 no evidence that they suffered any direct harm.

20 Furthermore, Your Honor, I would say that the
21 doctor said yes, there are protocols that they use with their
22 clinical trials but that there are deviations from those
23 protocols. He was not able to say with any certainty or
24 percentage that if you deviate so much this then causes the
25 specific harm, so I would say that even the doctor's

1 testimony failed, fell far short of being able to show that
2 these people had received any specific harm.

3 Next I would address under the loss amount, Your
4 Honor, the government has failed to prove that the amount of
5 loss is over a million dollars for item 1. The government
6 says that they can take these numbers and just multiply them
7 by a percentage and just come out with the amount of loss.
8 But it really does matter as to which people received a
9 shortage how much they were billed because TennCare would be
10 billed a different amount than Blue Cross Blue Shield, and it
11 would depend on which person individually did or did not
12 receive a dosage. The government just averaged it out, but
13 because it has a specific effect on the sentence, I would
14 argue, Your Honor, that the government can't just come up
15 with an average loss like they did.

16 I think I was able to demonstrate clearly that if
17 you manipulated the numbers, if you were charging for
18 different amounts that it would change the outcome.

19 THE COURT: What amount do you contend is the
20 amount of the intended loss?

21 MS. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I would contend that it
22 is under a million dollars. I don't contend that it is any
23 specific amount, but I'd say it cannot be proven that it is
24 up to a million dollars, and I would certainly say, Your
25 Honor, that if we took out the amount that they put in for

1 these 15 insurance companies that are not included, then you
2 get your number down to a number that could be manipulated by
3 different percentages by a cost of, you know, an increase in
4 inflation. That number could be manipulated to above or
5 below a million dollars, so I would say that that plus the
6 additional thing that the government did not address is the
7 fact that the amount of loss under the definition of the
8 amount of loss in the comments, people are given credit for
9 any type of fair market value under E, subsection E1. You
10 get credit for fair market value of services rendered. And I
11 would say that just because you bill for a million dollars
12 worth of services that everybody understands that the way
13 billing works is there is a certain percentage that is
14 discounted through a contract that you have in order to for
15 using in-network providers. And the government didn't even
16 address that at all, that there is a certain amount here that
17 may have been easily written off.

18 So just because a doctor sends in a bill for any
19 kind of services on your EOB for the amount, that's not what
20 the doctor would even expect to get back. And it is not the
21 true amount that they are billing for because they already
22 have a contract and they understand that when they bill for a
23 hundred dollars, they may only get \$40 recognizes the cost of
24 service. And the government did not even address that, so
25 I'd say that their number is just completely wrong.

1 Next on the obstruction of justice charge, Your
2 Honor. We would state that the government had claimed that
3 the conduct and her statements made to investigators impeded
4 justice, but there are no charges of any fraud that occurred
5 after January 9th, 2002, so what she did or did not say to
6 investigators does not affect in any way the amount of fraud
7 that was occurring or she was convicted of.

8 Next I would say that we object to the -- again we
9 object to paragraph 33 to the characterizations of victims
10 where they have listed more victims than the indictment.

11 The government points to the fact that the
12 defendant used her skill as a doctor to manipulate the
13 nurses. I would say, Your Honor, that is not any special
14 skill. That if you use -- if the jury found that she had
15 instructed nurses to change doses, that that's not a special
16 skill. That's just -- so it wouldn't be something that -- I
17 mean, that would be something anybody could do.

18 Again we say that there is no evidence that there
19 is any risk of serious bodily injury under paragraph 35. And
20 the doctor again was not able to say that what percentage of
21 persons would be injured or not injured. These people were
22 seriously ill to begin with.

23 That's -- I did have some other objections, Your
24 Honor, to the voluntary surrender and special conditions, but
25 I think the Court is going to take that up after it

1 determines --

2 THE COURT: Yes. Have you withdrawn the objection
3 dealing with voluntary surrender?

4 MS. THOMPSON: No, we haven't. As of now, no,
5 Your Honor, we have not withdrawn our objection to voluntary
6 surrender.

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 MS. THOMPSON: So I'd like to be heard on that in
9 a minute.

10 THE COURT: All right.

11 MS. THOMPSON: Any objections I didn't
12 specifically address, I stand on my brief.

13 THE COURT: I have reviewed it. It is at Docket
14 Entry 269.

15 I am going to make the following rulings regarding
16 the objections. I am going to start with the objections that
17 deal specifically with the offense level computations. First
18 one is the defendant's objection to the intended loss
19 calculation. The Court overrules that objection, and I am
20 crediting the testimony of Ms. Matheny and the Exhibit 1 that
21 was introduced by the government and finding that the
22 intended loss was in excess of a million dollars,
23 specifically based on that exhibit \$1,295,653.

24 On the objection -- let me back up. That's
25 paragraph 32. We start with a base offense level at

1 paragraph 31 of six to which there is no objection.

2 Paragraph 32, there was an objection of the
3 16-level enhancement based on the intended loss, and I am
4 overruling that objection for the reasons stated.

5 Then there is an objection to paragraph 33 dealing
6 with ten or more victims. I am overruling that objection.
7 There are three listed in the indictment. There were 15
8 additional private insurance company victims that are in the
9 Exhibit 2 introduced here at sentencing. And then there are
10 the patient victims which are approximately 75 individuals,
11 and that totals more than ten. But the defendant's objection
12 in that regard is preserved.

13 There is also an objection to paragraph 34 dealing
14 with sophisticated means. I think that that also should be
15 overruled. The defendant used her skill as a physician to
16 manipulate the medicine administered and also how things were
17 charted. I think that's a sophisticated skill.

18 There is an objection to paragraph 35 regarding
19 reckless risk of death or serious bodily injury, and I am
20 overruling that objection. I am crediting testimony of Dr.
21 Rothenberg on that issue.

22 Both parties have objected to paragraph 36 related
23 to vulnerable victim enhancements. The defendant believes no
24 enhancement should apply, and the government believes four
25 levels should apply because of a large number of vulnerable

1 victims. And I have already stated my reasons thinking there
2 were at least 75 patient victims, and in the opinion of the
3 Court, that's a large number, and so a four-level enhancement
4 would apply under 3A1.1(b)(2).

5 Paragraph 37 is objected to regarding abuse of
6 trust, position of trust and special skill. I have already
7 described the special skill, and an oncologist certainly
8 holds a position of trust. I think that enhancement applies,
9 and the objection is overruled.

10 On the obstruction of justice objection, I am
11 overruling that in part and granting it in part. I believe
12 that it is appropriate based on the conviction for Count Four
13 of false statement under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, and
14 two-level enhancement applies. I am granting the objection
15 to the extent that it is based on perjury at trial. In the
16 opinion of the Court, the fact that the jury credited
17 witnesses rather than Dr. Moon's testimony doesn't alone
18 amount to perjury, and that type of enhancement borders on
19 punishing a criminal defendant for exercising the right to
20 testify. So I am not applying that enhancement based on
21 perjury, but I am applying that enhancement based on the
22 false statements to the investigators on January 9th, 2002,
23 regarding what medications were being administered and
24 related bills.

25 So the presentence report calculates an offense

1 level of 34. Based on these rulings, the offense level would
2 be 36. The defendant has no criminal history, has no prior
3 convictions, so she is in Criminal History Category I.

4 The advisory guideline calculations then would be
5 as follows. First of all, it needs to be noted that the
6 statutory maximum sentence on any one count is ten years so
7 on Counts One, Two and Three there is a statutory maximum
8 sentence of ten years. And on Count Four, it is five years.

9 Based on an offense level of 36 and a Criminal
10 History Category I, the revised guideline range would be 188
11 to 235 rather than 151 to 188 that's in the presentence
12 report.

13 The supervised release range would still be two to
14 three years. Probation is not permissible under the advisory
15 guideline ranges. Of course the guidelines are advisory.

16 The fine range would increase. Under 5E at
17 offense level 36, it is \$20,000 to \$200,000. There is a
18 hundred dollars per count special assessment for each count
19 of conviction, so that's a total of \$400 that's mandatory;
20 the Court has no discretion. And the Court finds that the
21 restitution amount is \$432,238.

22 So there also is an objection to the
23 characterization of the offense conduct that starts at page
24 five of the report. The objection essentially is that Dr.
25 Moon is contesting her conviction and intends to appeal and

1 doesn't concede the facts of the offense conduct. I am
2 granting that request to the extent that it is simply noted
3 for the record that she contests her conviction and is
4 appealing.

5 There is an objection to the victim impact issue,
6 and I have already ruled on that.

7 There was an objection to the obstruction of
8 justice section of the report, and I have ruled on that as it
9 relates to the enhancement.

10 There is an objection dealing with the recommended
11 special condition of a ban on working in the healthcare
12 industry if what is being recommended is a lifetime ban since
13 that's not the recommendation. The recommendation is the
14 prohibition on working in the healthcare industry during the
15 term of supervised release, then that objection really is
16 moot, and that's denied as moot.

17 There is an objection to what's characterized as
18 net monthly cash flow, and essentially there is an objection
19 to the recommended condition that a lump sum payment of
20 \$271,000 be paid within 60 days of sentencing. I am granting
21 that recommendation to the limited extent. I think that that
22 lump sum payment needs to be made and shall be made when the
23 Crossville residence is sold because that's really what is
24 the heart of where that money would be coming from. And I
25 will spell that out in more detail shortly.

1 And counsel wanted to be heard on the voluntary
2 surrender issue. But back on the cash flow issue, I am
3 granting that objection to the extent that it would require
4 \$271,000 be paid within 60 days.

5 I think that takes care of all of the objections
6 other than the voluntary surrender issue that counsel wanted
7 to be heard on further. Ms. Thompson, Dr. Moon has a right
8 to speak directly to the Court should she so choose. If she
9 does not want to do so, that's also her right.

10 MS. THOMPSON: Yes, Your Honor, she would like to
11 address the Court.

12 THE COURT: All right. Dr. Moon, if you'd come up
13 to the podium please, ma'am.

14 You can stand there at the podium if you'd like.
15 You don't need to be under oath.

16 THE DEFENDANT: I not totally disagree with the
17 verdict I come out I received and convicted. But I am, you
18 know, I respected their verdict, but I do not totally agree
19 because based on the under oath initial grand jury interview,
20 the nurses were confused because it was a lack of
21 understanding of medicine. But I am truly respect, honor
22 Judge Campbell's fairness and, you know, try to understand
23 both side because this case was very complicated.

24 I fully responsible. I managed my business poorly
25 because I was very, very busy, and I had a lack of support.

1 And I am not denying my responsibility at all. I learned
2 very cost experience, but this will help my future to avoid
3 this mistake because I didn't supervise it carefully. And I
4 was focused on patient care, truly only patient care, and I
5 didn't pay attention how this, you know, billing issues and
6 incorrect documentation and lack of supervisor role cause
7 this much trouble because practically every aspect of my
8 life, but also I gained spiritually incredibly. So I lost
9 one thing, but I gained another part.

10 I lost patient care which was my dream all my
11 life. And I was very frugal. I saved all the, you know,
12 hard work money. I lost them all. I lost -- I studied very
13 hard with language difficult. At the present time I lost, I
14 surrendered my medical license and my practice. And the last
15 one I didn't want to lose, but I lost my marriage life too.

16 But this is a lesson I have to learn, so I willing
17 to go for it whatever given, you know, the sentence. I
18 respect and I appreciate it, and I am looking for the purpose
19 of why this happened to me.

20 And one thing I want them to know about the
21 medical condition is not simple. Particularly dying patient
22 is not easy because you -- what my goal was, they want to
23 prolong their life, and I want maintain the quality of life.
24 I don't know how they perceived, but I did, and I did very
25 brief time I was grateful I was able to save a lot of lives

1 and my patients' lives, saved a lot of patients' lives.

2 For instance, Jack Simpson was good patient. He
3 was a very cheerful, nice patient. I agree with the family.
4 But when Universal Insurance Company announced bankruptcy and
5 they didn't pay, I continued treating him. I had a second
6 opinion. They said patient has very aggressive disease
7 spread bone and liver and put in hospice care. I continued
8 with my own money provided 5FU infusion, but he left, so a
9 lot of cases.

10 And then Delores DeWitt, she had surgical
11 complication and wound didn't heal and ruptured intestine.
12 And then she her cause of death was surgical complication,
13 not chemotherapy.

14 But I know they are upset. They are angry. But
15 there is a lot of misunderstandings, and I wasn't really bad
16 doctor. And I did my best I could, but I didn't manage it
17 well. And I am willing, ready and gladly learn my lesson,
18 and I respect judge's decision.

19 THE COURT: Thank you, ma'am. You can be seated.
20 I will hear from the government, and then, Ms. Thompson, you
21 can summarize your position, if you want to go ahead and
22 summarize it now.

23 MS. THOMPSON: I was going talk about release.

24 THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead.

25 MS. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I would just ask that

1 she please be allowed to self report. Up until now, she has
2 made absolutely every court hearing. She is here today.
3 Knows that she could go into custody full well today. She
4 still appeared.

5 When she received the indictment that she was
6 charged under, the other indictment had been dismissed. When
7 she received notice of this indictment, she was in Korea.
8 She voluntarily came back from Korea to be here. It makes a
9 difference, Your Honor, to Dr. Moon at this point whether she
10 voluntarily surrenders at the place of incarceration or she
11 is taken into marshal's custody. It does have an effect on
12 her prison life, on her sentence calculation and on her
13 treatment. And Your Honor, at this point that is what she is
14 looking -- I mean that is going to be the most important
15 things to her. And so we would ask that she please be
16 allowed to self report to wherever she is going to be
17 incarcerated.

18 And certainly the government has her passport.
19 There is no danger of anything else. So I would ask that she
20 be allowed to self report.

21 I also have this is receipt showing that she has
22 paid her special assessment fee, and I like to make that part
23 of the record, Your Honor, as an exhibit.

24 THE COURT: Okay. You can hand it to the court
25 clerk.

1 MS. THOMPSON: It will have affect also on her
2 classification information. She would like to go to Fort
3 Worth to the appropriate placement in Fort Worth I forgot --
4 Carswell. So that's where she would like to be incarcerated
5 if possible.

6 I'd like to be heard about sentencing.

7 THE COURT: I will let Mr. Williamson go first
8 since he has the burden.

9 MR. WILLIAMSON: Thank you, Your Honor. I guess
10 first of all I will talk quickly about voluntary surrender
11 and release. The same reasons that the government requested
12 detention after trial will request now. The burden is on the
13 defendant in the circumstance pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3143(a)
14 to prove that she is by clear and convincing evidence that
15 she is not a risk of flight. As we moved after trial simply
16 taking away her passport in no way removes the possibility of
17 flight from this country. Defendant obviously has strong
18 ties in other nations, other countries. She is, I assume,
19 about to be sentenced to some significant term of years
20 regardless of whether guideline sentence or not which would
21 give her strong incentive to flee, so the government moves
22 that she should be detained after the sentencing procedure.

23 With respect to the sentence itself, Your Honor,
24 the defendant's recent -- the defendant's comment she just
25 made up here to the Court was a remarkable comment. It is a

1 complete absence of responsibility or remorse for what took
2 place and what this Court heard over two and a half weeks
3 during this trial in December took place in her offices where
4 she repeatedly for a two-and-a-half-year-period ordered her
5 nurses to give partial doses of Procrit to her patients. And
6 the Court heard Dr. Rothenberg testify during that trial that
7 Procrit works in proportion to how much it is given. So by
8 giving partial doses of Procrit to patients, the defendant
9 was specifically ordering her nurses to limit the red blood
10 cell-increasing properties of Procrit that her patients would
11 otherwise receive.

12 This was not a billing error. This was not a
13 failure to supervise her nurses properly. As this Court
14 heard day after day during the trial, this was the
15 defendant's intentional, willful conduct to deny 69 of her
16 patients of the appropriate chemotherapy side effect reducing
17 effect of Procrit.

18 Moreover, with respect to Taxol and Camptosar,
19 again this Court heard the testimony during the trial that
20 the defendant gave barely 50 percent of the Taxol that she
21 claimed to have given her patients. She gave barely
22 two-thirds of the Camptosar she claimed to have given her
23 patients.

24 As a result, there are many families like the
25 DeWitts, like the Simpsons, like the Smiths who will never

1 know whether or not their loved ones received the appropriate
2 doses and if they had what would have happened to their loved
3 ones' life expectancy had they received that appropriate
4 medication.

5 And as the Court heard again repeatedly during
6 that trial, Dr. Moon mixed all of that medication and Dr.
7 Moon ordered all of that medication. That was not a billing
8 error. This was not a failure to supervise. This was not
9 the nurses' fault. This was Dr. Moon's fault. And the
10 jurors' verdict resoundingly rejects everything that Dr. Moon
11 said when she stood up here. And the fact that even after
12 the jury verdict and at this important sentencing hearing the
13 defendant fails to recognize that this was her own
14 intentional conduct that caused this verdict is, frankly,
15 shocking that at this juncture of this proceeding that's what
16 her response would be. And I think it actually goes very
17 directly to the factors contained in 18 U.S.C. 3553(a) which
18 inform the Court on how to sentence the defendant and the
19 government would submit where in the guidelines range the
20 defendant should be sentenced.

21 The nature -- A1 is the nature and circumstances
22 of the offense and the history and characteristics of the
23 defendant. As the Court is well aware, the nature and
24 circumstances of this offense are about as serious as they
25 possibly could be. It involves an oncologist entrusted with

1 the life-threatening care of her patients, willfully denying
2 those patients the care that she claims she was giving them.
3 The care she claimed she was giving them was the care that is
4 the highest standard of care, as Dr. Rothenberg testified.
5 So she was willfully giving them something else and not
6 talking to them about it.

7 Now, as Dr. Rothenberg testified, there are
8 circumstances under which different doses can be given but
9 only with full consultation with the patient. This was Dr.
10 Moon making a decision on the patient's behalf for a lower
11 dosage without ever informing the patient that was what was
12 going to happen. Moreover, as a number of witnesses pointed
13 out today, doing it not because she felt the patient would
14 get a better result because of that, but instead out of some
15 apparent sense of greed in that she continued to bill for the
16 full amount and administer a far lower amount.

17 So the nature and circumstances of the offense are
18 within the context of fraud offenses, the government would
19 posit are about as serious a fraud offense as you can
20 possibly create.

21 And the need for sentence imposed, which is A2, to
22 reflect the seriousness of the offense which is obviously
23 strong, but also to afford adequate deterrence to criminal
24 conduct and to protect public from further crimes of the
25 defendant, the defendant's failure to recognize the gravity

1 of her own conduct and the fact that this own conduct stems
2 from and was conducted entirely by herself, not by her
3 billing staff and not by her nursing staff, shows the need,
4 Your Honor, for a strong sentence.

5 So the government would submit a guideline
6 sentence is appropriate in this case and that within the
7 guideline range, the sentence should be at the upper end of
8 the guideline range to reflect the incredible seriousness of
9 the defendant's conduct in this case.

10 THE COURT: Thank you. Ms. Thompson.

11 MS. THOMPSON: Yes, Your Honor. The guidelines
12 are only one of the statutory considerations that the Court
13 takes into -- that the Court considers when deciding a
14 person's sentence. The Court can also give downward
15 departures for different reasons, upward departures.

16 Your Honor, we would ask that in this matter,
17 there are twenty -- approximately 24 letters from different
18 patients that have been made part of the record that adore
19 Dr. Moon, that were grateful to her for her care. And I
20 would ask that the Court balance those with the testimony the
21 Court has heard from other patients' families and in that
22 matter give her a sentence that is going to be not based so
23 much on emotion, that's going to be more based on the facts
24 and the consideration at trial.

25 Your Honor, the time and place for a personal

1 injury suit, for a tort matter is civil court. It is not
2 criminal court. And I would ask that based on that the Court
3 consider that carefully and please give Dr. Moon reasonable
4 sentence, a sentence that shows mercy and justice.

5 THE COURT: Let me make sure I understand what you
6 are asking me to do so the record is clear. Are you asking
7 for a sentence below the advisory guideline range under
8 Booker, and are you also moving for a downward departure, or
9 are you simply asking me to balance all of those things? It
10 is important for appellate review. I just want to make sure
11 I understand what you are asking for.

12 MS. THOMPSON: I think that I am asking for a
13 sentence -- obviously there is a statutory maximum in this
14 matter which does not fit with the guidelines. I am not
15 asking for a departure, but what I am asking is that the
16 Court balance as mitigation in considering or maybe just
17 towards the weight. What I am asking is that the Court put
18 towards the weight of the evidence the Court has heard in
19 forms of letters and testimony from patients, balance that
20 with the weight of the letters that we have provided from
21 other patients in terms of determining what is appropriate
22 there.

23 THE COURT: I read every letter as they came in
24 from both sides of the lawsuit, so I am aware of what you are
25 referring to.

1 MS. THOMPSON: Okay.

2 THE COURT: Anything else anybody wants to say
3 about anything else?

4 MR. WILLIAMSON: Not from us, Your Honor.

5 MS. THOMPSON: After the Court announces the
6 sentence, I do have some other items I'd like to address in
7 terms of appeal counsel, things likes that.

8 THE COURT: All right. Dr. Moon, if you'd come up
9 to the podium with counsel, I will impose sentence.

10 Dr. Moon, it is the judgment of the Court that the
11 following sentence be imposed. You are hereby committed to
12 the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be
13 imprisoned for a total term of 188 months. It is broken down
14 as follows.

15 I am sentencing you to 120 months on Count One and
16 68 months on Count Two. The 68 months is consecutive to
17 Count One for the total 188 months sentence.

18 On Count Three, I am sentencing you to 120 months
19 which is concurrent with the other counts.

20 And on Count Four, 60 months concurrent with all
21 the other counts.

22 I will recommend to the Bureau of Prisons that you
23 be incarcerated near Fort Worth, Texas if it is consistent
24 with your security classification.

25 In terms of supervised release, I am going to

1 order a two-year period of supervised release with the
2 following special conditions.

3 First is that you have to pay \$432,238 in
4 restitution. Restitution is due immediately, but at a
5 minimum you have to make a restitution lump sum payment of
6 \$271,000 upon the sale of the property on Channing Lane in
7 Crossville.

8 While you are incarcerated, restitution has to be
9 paid through the Bureau of Prisons inmate financial
10 responsibility program. And should there be an unpaid
11 balance when supervision commences, you have to pay at least
12 ten percent of your gross monthly income towards restitution.

13 No interest will accrue, and you have to notify
14 the Court of any significant changes in your economic
15 circumstances that affect ability to pay.

16 I am waiving the drug testing requirements since
17 there is no evidence that you have illegally used controlled
18 substances.

19 You are prohibited from owning, carrying or
20 possessing a firearm.

21 You have to furnish all financial records
22 requested by the probation officer until all the restitution
23 is paid. You cannot incur any new debts or open additional
24 lines of credit until all of the restitution is paid.

25 You are barred from engaging in any occupation,

1 business or profession in the healthcare industry while you
2 are on supervised release.

3 You have to cooperate with DNA collection, and you
4 cannot travel outside the United States absent prior consent
5 of the probation office. That's not in the recommended
6 conditions, but I think it is appropriate, and I imposed it
7 earlier for post-conviction supervision.

8 In terms of standard conditions of the Court on
9 supervised release, they also apply. You cannot commit
10 another federal, state or local crime.

11 You can't leave the district without permission.

12 You have to report as directed.

13 You have to be truthful to the probation officer.

14 You have to meet your family responsibilities.

15 You have to work regularly at a lawful occupation
16 unless excused.

17 You have to notify the probation officer at least
18 ten days prior to any change of residence or employment.

19 You cannot excessively use alcohol or use any
20 controlled substances that are illegal. You cannot frequent
21 places where controlled substances are illegally sold or
22 used.

23 You cannot associate with persons engaged in
24 criminal activity.

25 You have to permit the probation officer to visit

1 you and confiscate any contraband that's in plain view.

2 You have to notify the probation officer within 72
3 hours of being arrested or questioned by law enforcement, and
4 you cannot enter into an agreement to act as an informer
5 without Court consent.

6 And you have to notify third parties of risks that
7 may be occasioned by your criminal record, particularly as it
8 relates to employment.

9 I am waiving the drug testing requirement.

10 And you cannot possess a firearm, and you have to
11 notify the U.S. Attorney's Office within 30 days of any
12 change of name or residence until all monetary sanctions are
13 paid.

14 In terms of fines, the \$400 special assessment is
15 imposed. The record reflects you have already paid it. I am
16 required to impose it.

17 In terms of additional monetary fines, in my
18 opinion when you balance the large amount of restitution
19 owed, \$432,000, the fact that you will be getting a long
20 sentence, over 15 and a half years, that most of your assets
21 are held jointly with your husband or others and the fact
22 that you can't practice medicine, you effectively don't have
23 an ability to pay any further fine, and I think it is more
24 important that the restitution be paid expeditiously. So I
25 am not imposing a fine other than of course the restitution

1 amount you owe.

2 In terms of restitution, it was a condition of
3 supervised release, but to make sure that there is no
4 ambiguity about it, it is also a condition of your sentence.
5 So the \$432,238 in restitution is part of the judgment in the
6 case.

7 I have considered the advisory guidelines. I have
8 considered all of the evidence presented. I have considered
9 the factors in 18 U.S.C. Section 3553(a) and everything that
10 has been presented to the Court and have sentenced you within
11 the advisory guideline range because in my opinion it is
12 reasonable in this case.

13 I have sentenced you to the 188 months because of
14 essentially two key reasons. The first is the advisory
15 guideline range exceeds the statutory maximum for any one
16 count, and I have imposed concurrent sentencing. And in
17 addition, you have no prior conviction. And in my opinion,
18 all things else being equal, the top of the range is more
19 suitable for repeat offenders, and you are not a repeat
20 offender.

21 You have a right to appeal.

22 THE DEFENDANT: I may not appeal, Judge, because I
23 do not have financial condition to appeal so --

24 THE COURT: Well, let me tell you what your rights
25 are in that regard. You have a right to appeal both your

1 conviction, and you have a right to appeal this sentence.
2 You need to file a notice of appeal within ten days. If you
3 direct your attorneys to file a notice of appeal, they will
4 file a notice of appeal. If you ask the Clerk of Court to
5 file a notice of appeal, he will file a notice of appeal on
6 your behalf.

7 If you are unable to pay the cost of an appeal,
8 you can apply to appeal as a pauper. And if you qualify,
9 then you can appeal as a pauper. And what you will need to
10 do in that regard is, Ms. Thompson, she will need to file an
11 affidavit that would reflect her status of unable to pay the
12 cost of an appeal.

13 But if you want to appeal, go ahead and file that
14 appeal and file your affidavit as to what your financial
15 status is. And if it is appropriate, then you will be
16 granted leave to appeal as a pauper.

17 Let me make sure based on your response I want to
18 make sure I cover this very clearly. You can appeal your
19 conviction. You can appeal your sentence. And you must file
20 a notice of appeal within ten days from today when judgment
21 is entered. If you are unable to pay the cost of appeal, you
22 can apply to appeal as a pauper. And if you so request, the
23 Clerk of Court will prepare and file a notice of appeal on
24 your behalf.

25 So don't be deterred by financial circumstances.

1 If you feel like you have grounds for appeal, then you should
2 appeal. Of course that's a decision you and your lawyers
3 need to make, and I am not encouraging you to do one or the
4 other other than to very directly tell you what your rights
5 are.

6 Ms. Thompson, you said you wanted to raise some
7 other things.

8 MS. THOMPSON: Yes, Your Honor, for the record, I
9 was not retained for the appeal. So I wanted to know if
10 either I could withdraw -- she had asked that I request
11 counsel for her, appointed counsel. You said we need to do
12 that by an affidavit.

13 THE COURT: Well, my understanding of Sixth
14 Circuit procedure is that trial counsel or counsel at
15 sentencing, the last lawyer standing, so to speak, has to
16 move to be relieved in the Court of Appeals. That there is a
17 presumption that you would continue to represent Ms. Moon.

18 If you are telling me the two of you have a
19 conflict and she does not want you to represent her, that's a
20 slightly different situation. But if she qualifies for
21 appointment of counsel, certainly CJA counsel will be
22 appointed, and it would appear to me logical that you be
23 appointed unless the two of you have some kind of conflict.
24 You are now very familiar with the case.

25 Do you have a request in that regard?

1 MS. THOMPSON: No, Your Honor, I don't have a
2 conflict.

3 THE COURT: Okay. Of course the threshold
4 question is her IFP status, and I need her to file an
5 appropriate affidavit.

6 Ms. Moon, do you have any objection to Ms.
7 Thompson continuing to represent you on appeal?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Is it court-appointed?

9 THE COURT: Well, my question is based on in the
10 event you qualify for court-appointed counsel, do you want
11 Ms. Thompson to be that lawyer?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Oh, yes. She knows my case.

13 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Then the only thing
14 you need to do is file that statement, and I will evaluate
15 it. I am uncomfortable making that judgment without a sworn
16 financial affidavit.

17 Is there something else you wanted to raise?

18 MS. THOMPSON: No, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: I need to make a decision about
20 surrender, but is there anything else, Mr. Williamson, I may
21 have overlooked?

22 MR. WILLIAMSON: Not to my knowledge, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: I think this is a difficult issue. On
24 one hand Dr. Moon has been here every time she has been asked
25 to be here.

1 On the other hand, she has other countries she has
2 lived in and can go to, and there is she is facing a long
3 sentence, and that always raises issues of flight. There has
4 been some dispute about whether there was a previous
5 violation of conditions of release.

6 The standard is set out in 18 U.S.C. 4133, and it
7 generally provides that a defendant sentenced to imprisonment
8 shall be detained immediately unless the Court finds by clear
9 and convincing evidence that the defendant is not likely to
10 flee or pose a danger to the safety of any person or the
11 community.

12 I think in light of the lengthy sentence and
13 ability to live elsewhere, I am going to detain Dr. Moon
14 because I think that the standard has not been met by clear
15 and convincing evidence that Dr. Moon will be remanded to the
16 custody of the marshal rather than self surrendering.

17 Is there anything else that we need to talk
18 about?

19 MR. SIMMONS: Your Honor, since she has been
20 remanded to custody, there is an issue as to her indigency,
21 will she go then to the custody of the marshal and she is
22 going to be in the pipeline, would it be possible to set that
23 matter for a hearing before this court perhaps in the morning
24 as to her status as to indigency before she gets out of the
25 jurisdiction? We'll have to fill out the financial

1 affi davi t, have the Court make a determi nation quickly as to
2 her status.

3 THE COURT: Well, let's do this. If Dr. Moon is
4 willing to testify under oath right here and right now that
5 she doesn't have the financial ability to employ counsel and
6 then we'll supplement that representation with a sworn
7 affi davi t, then I will consider that having been satisfied.

8 MR. SIMMONS: Okay.

9 THE COURT: Are you willing to do that?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

11 THE COURT: All right. I need to tell you that it
12 is a federal crime to misrepresent things to the Court. You
13 need to be aware of that. Raise your right hand, please,
14 ma'am. Mrs. Bush will swear you in.

15 (Defendant sworn.)

16 THE COURT: Dr. Moon, do you have the ability to
17 employ counsel financi ally to represent you on appeal?

18 THE DEFENDANT: At the present time until my house
19 is sold.

20 THE COURT: Is the answer no or yes?

21 THE DEFENDANT: Well, conditional because I have
22 to sell my house. And my house is sold, then possi bly. The
23 house is not sold, I have to wait.

24 MS. THOMPSON: Could I say something --

25 THE COURT: Yes.

1 MS. THOMPSON: -- on her behalf. First of all,
2 she is involved in a divorce currently, and all her real
3 property is held as joint property. So first of all, she
4 doesn't know what percentage of that real property is going
5 to be hers to do with as she chooses. That's up to the
6 divorce court.

7 Next, today the government has served upon her a
8 False Claims Act which I am sure will carry some serious
9 financial penalties. And the Court has made part of its
10 judgment this claim on this house in Crossville. So, Your
11 Honor, I think based on the fact that that's going to be a
12 lien on the house, the fact that she has this false claim and
13 that she doesn't have clear title to any of this property is
14 interfering with her real ability to hire counsel. Of course
15 the appeal has strict timeline on it.

16 THE COURT: Here is how I am going to resolve it.
17 Based on at a minimum she does not currently have the
18 resources in the next ten days to hire counsel that Ms.
19 Thompson you will be appointed as counsel under the CJA. If
20 her financial circumstances change, you have a duty and she
21 has a duty to inform the Court, and that could affect your
22 continued representation. But I think it is important at
23 this stage that if she wants to appeal that that appeal get
24 filed. That's a very important thing. And I want to give
25 her the opportunity to do that as I would every criminal

1 defendant. And of course if this Court has made any errors,
2 the Court of Appeals should correct them. That's how the
3 system works.

4 Anything else that we need to take up?

5 MR. SIMMONS: No, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Fielder, you may take
7 Ms. Moon into custody. Thank you.

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